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Ukraine issue of 'profound concern', says India at UNSC

Sriram Lakshman
UNITED NATIONS

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was among a group of Ministers, heads of government and representatives at the United Nations Security Council who expressed their concern on September 22 over the continuing conflict in Ukraine.

While he did not name Russia specifically, unlike the representatives of many other countries, Mr. Jaishankar said the conflict was a matter of "profound concern" for the global community.

"The future outlook appears even more disturbing," he said, a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilisation of 300,000 potential combatants and a threat of nuclear action.

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109 held in nationwide crackdown against PFI

NIA, ED and police conduct searches across 15 States; most of the arrests made in Kerala, followed by Karnataka and Maharashtra; Popular Front condemns the operation, terms the arrests 'unjust'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a nationwide crackdown, 109 leaders and activists of the Popular Front of India (PFI) were arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the police during searches conducted across 15 States on Thursday.

Most of the arrests have been made in Kerala (22), followed by Karnataka (20) and Maharashtra (20), Tamil Nadu (10), Assam (10) and Uttar Pradesh (8).

'Baseless claims'

The PFI, through a statement, condemned the raids and termed the arrests "unjust", a witch-hunt against the outfit's members and supporters and "the harassment of its national and State leaders" across the country.

Under lens: Popular Front of India former chairman E. Abubacker being taken to the Patiala House court in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

"The NIA's baseless claims and sensationalism are solely aimed at creating an atmosphere of terror. We will never be intimidated by such scare tactics by a totalitarian regime that uses the Central agencies as its puppets," said the PFI national executive council.

Among the main persons arrested are PFI chairman O.M.A. Salam, vice-chairman E.M Abdul Rahiman, its national vice-chairman P. Koya, former outfit chief E. Abubacker and national general secretary Nasurudeen Elamaram. The NIA searched 93 places in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, West Bengal, Bihar and Manipur.

"The houses of top PFI leaders and members were covered in connection with five cases registered by the NIA," said an agency official. At 45 locations, the ED officials were part of the joint teams, also comprising security personnel.

The clampdown was based on inputs that the accused were funding terror acts, organising weapon training camps and radicalising people to join banned outfits.

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JD(S) seeks Minister's resignation

BENGALURU
The JD(S) members commenced a dharna in the Legislative Assembly demanding the resignation of Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan.

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Civic body to study stability of all 47 flyovers

BENGALURU
Chief Commissioner of BBMP Tushar Giri Nath said that the BBMP has given a contract to a company to study the stability of all the 47 flyovers in the city.

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Maoist movement is now on the ebb along the Andhra-Odisha boundary

SPECIAL

Sumit Bhattacharjee
VISAKHAPATNAM

The Maoist movement is on the ebb on the Andhra Pradesh-Odisha boundary, with its cadre and militia strength heavily depleted.

On Monday, the Andhra-Odisha Border Special Zonal Committee of the banned CPI (Maoist) released a letter urging tribal people to join and revive the movement. The letter, released on the eve of the 18th Foundation Day of CPI (Maoist), clearly indicated the desperation to keep the movement afloat.

ABOSZC secretary Ganesh said in the letter that the security forces of both Andhra and Odisha were trying to wean away the tribals from the Maoist fold by filing false cases on them.

Recent events indicate there is a huge leadership crisis, as almost all remaining top leaders, including Gajarla Ravi, alias Uday, alias Ganesh, and Aruna have fled to Chhattisgarh.

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Vehicles being checked in Alluri Sitaramaraju district, A.P. on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bill for reservation to Kannadigas, primacy to language tabled

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

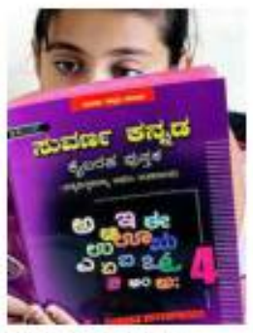
The State government on Thursday tabled the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Bill, 2022, in the Legislative Assembly for providing reservation to Kannadigas in higher education, linking incentives to industries with jobs for locals among other measures aimed at giving primacy to the language.

Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar tabled the Bill that seeks to ensure "extensive use and propagation" of Kannada.

The Bill defines "Kannadiga" as a person or one whose parents have resided in Karnataka for not less than 15 years with knowledge of reading and writing Kannada. As per the Bill's provisions, the State government would constitute an Official Language Commission under the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, and the chairman and members of the commission will be nominated by the government for a five-year period.

To enable its implementation, enforcement officers would be appointed at various levels.

As per the Bill, practical and functional knowledge of Kannada will be taught in higher, technical and professional education courses. Students who have studied Class I-X in Kannada medium will get reservation in higher education.



The Bill says that all persons who want to get a government job should pass a Kannada language exam. FILE PHOTO

Borrowing from Karnataka's Industrial Policy 2020-25, the Bill proposes to deny land concessions, tax rebates and other sops to private companies that do not recruit the prescribed percentage of Kanandigas.

All persons who want to get a government job should pass a Kannada language exam conducted by the KPSC or any other authority. This exam is not needed for a person who has passed Class 10 with Kannada as first or second language.

The Bill makes Kannada a must in subordinate courts, tribunals, banks and other financial institutions. The government must establish an employment portal for government offices, public enterprises, and private companies to notify vacancies.

Fine to be levied

Industries, shops and commercial establishments who violate the Bill's provisions will be fined ₹5,000-₹20,000, including suspension of licence.

According to the Bill, Kannada has been adopted as Karnataka's official language and the State has enacted the Karnataka Official Language Act, Karnataka Local Authorities (Official Language) Act, Kannada Development Authorities Act, and the Kannada Language Learning Act. The State also has a statutory body called Kannada Development Authority.

"Despite aforesaid enactments, notifications and orders, there is not much progress in proper implementation of the official language in the State," the Bill states.

"Kannada language has been introduced as one of the language subjects in schools, but there is no proper provision for learning of Kannada language in higher or technical or professional education," it said.

"Even the KDA, though a statutory body, has no proper authority and machinery to ensure implementation of Kannada as the official language at all levels," the Bill said.

Five arrested in 'PayCM' poster campaign case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after the 'PayCM' poster campaign, aimed at highlighting the alleged corruption in the ruling BJP government created a furore, five persons, including some belonging to the social media cell of the Congress, were arrested on Wednesday night.

Congress leaders, including Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, condemned it and demanded their immediate release.

The Central Crime Branch (CCB), along with the Sadashivanagar and High Grounds police, stepped up investigation based on the directions of the Chief Minister and arrested B.R. Naidu, who heads social media cell, and others including Pawan, Gagan, Sanjay, and Vishwanath. Three more have been detained for questioning, a senior police officer, who is part of the investigation, said. The CCB officials are probing the case analysing the CCTV footage to identify the people who are part of the poster campaign.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had taken strong exception to the campaign.

Dalit family replaces portraits of gods with those of Buddha, Ambedkar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The family of the Dalit boy in Ullerahalli, Kolar district, which was slapped with a ₹60,000 fine by the village panchayat after the boy accidentally touched the wooden pole of the village deity, removed portraits of gods from their house and replaced them with those of Buddha and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Shobha, mother of the boy, told to *The Hindu*, "During my difficult times, no gods came to my support. I got justice only from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the Constitution of India. Therefore, I removed all the gods' portraits from my home and replaced them with Buddha and Dr. Ambedkar portraits."

Coinciding with this, S. Muniswamy, MP Kolar Lok Sabha constituency, took the family to the village temple, entry to which was restricted for many decades. They also performed *puja* in the temple along with the MP.

Portrait of B.R. Ambedkar in the house of the Dalit boy in Kolar district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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>
> **SHOBHA**
> Boy's mother

"There was some restriction to enter the temple in the village for many decades. I had decided not to enter any temple henceforth. But our MP and other district officers took us to the temple and offered prayers. I entered the temple because it is my right. Our constitution has given all the rights to enter any public religious places freely," she said.

On Thursday, local MLA K.Y. Nanjegowda and S.N. Narayanaswamy, MLA of Bangarapet constituency, visited the family and had lunch in their house. They promised the family a free house from the government and job in the government hostel.

The Masti police had registered a case against the eight members of the village panchayat in connection with the case.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Iran unveils new medium-range ballistic missile, says IRNA

1,400 In kilometre, the range of Iran's newly unveiled medium-range ballistic missile. The International Institute for Strategic Studies says Iran has around 20 types of ballistic missiles as well as cruise missiles and drones. The London-based research institute said the Islamic republic wants to make its missiles more precise. AFP

Mahindra in talks to raise money for electric vehicles push

500 In $ million, the amount that Mahindra & Mahindra is expected to raise to accelerate its plans to build electric vehicles (EVs), according to *Reuters*. Mahindra's new EV unit, for which it is raising the funds, was valued at $9.1 billion. The carmaker's first electric SUV is expected to be available for sale in January next year. Reuters

Recent rains in the country may arrest drop in rice produce

6 in %, the drop in India's rice production during the kharif season of the 2022-23 crop year (July-June), when compared to the year-ago period, as per the first estimate by the Agriculture Ministry. However, recent rainfall in Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh may arrest the anticipated loss, says A.K. Singh, Director, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI). PTI

Manchester United report losses, debt rises to £500 million

115.5 In £ million, the net loss reported by Manchester United for the 2021-22 season, even though revenues at the football club rose by 18% to £583 million. The 20-time English champions' net debt also increased from £419.5 million in 2021 to £514.9 million this year. United attributed the loss to unrealised foreign exchange losses. AFP

Americans apply for unemployment benefits

2.13 In lakh, the number of applications for unemployment benefits for the week ending Sepember 17 received by the U.S. Labor Department. It is 5,000 more than last week's figures. The increase came despite the Federal Reserve's year-long battle against inflation that's intended to cool the economy and the tight labour market. AP

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Analysing the Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan conflict

What are the reasons behind the current clashes between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan? What led to the flare-up between both nations? How can the dispute be resolved? How can the international community help?

EXPLAINER

Rishabh Kachroo

The story so far: Nearly 100 people have been killed and scores injured in violent border clashes between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan over the last week. A ceasefire, brokered by Russia, was agreed on Friday. The two landlocked countries share a 1,000-km long border, a large part of which is disputed. There have been flare-ups in the past as well over sharing water and land resources.

What is happening at the border?

The last few weeks have seen constant shelling, violent confrontations by local communities, and active engagement by security forces on either side. The Batken region of Kyrgyzstan is seeing families being moved out and getting relocated. According to the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan, close to 1,50,000 people out of the 5,50,000 odd population of the Batken region have either fled the area or have been relocated by the state. The situation in Osh, Kyrgyzstan, is no different. The highly militarised borders also add to tensions.

The clashes are replaying old pre- and post-Soviet era legacies. The borders of the two republics were demarcated under Joseph Stalin's leadership. Historically, the Kyrgyz and Tajik populations enjoyed common rights over natural resources. The issue of the delimitation of the border is a relic of the Soviet era. While regular talks have tried to resolve the issue, one of the crucial points of disagreement remains over the map which should be used for demarcation purposes. Almost half of its close to a 1000 km border is disputed.

The creation of the Soviet Union saw the large-scale redistribution of livestock to collective and state farms, which upset the existing status quo. Unfortunately, there was only so much land to go around. The Tajik territory saw their livestock increase, and with scarce grazing land, agreements were signed between the two populations over the utilisation of Kyrgyz territory by the Tajiks' livestock.

War torn: Kyrgyzstan's refugees arriving from Batken to Boz-Adir in southwestern Kyrgyzstan. AP

What led to the current flare-up?

The ideological basis of the current set of clashes is reinforced by developmental issues, thus providing a fertile ground for the entire geopolitical space to become a hotbed of multiple minor conflicts and clashes. The environmental trajectory of the conflict can be further highlighted by incidents which saw groups from either side planting trees in disputed areas and engaging in a physical confrontation using agricultural equipment as weapons.

Ferghana valley continues to be a site of struggle and frequent violent outbursts, with the location consisting primarily of Tajiks, Kyrgyz, and Uzbeks, who have historically shared common sociological specificities, economic activities, and religious practices.

The collapse of the Soviet Union and the subsequent dissolution of the then-existing water and land agreements saw the creation of multiple smaller independent farms, which led to a marked increase in water consumption patterns among the farmers. Both countries share multiple water channels with undulating trajectories and flow, which upset equitable access to water on both sides. As a result, small-scale conflicts occur practically every year during the crucial irrigation period.

Both countries, while sharing a closely intertwined historical past, have had differing internal dynamics since coming into statehood. One can trace their instability to transnational challenges and internal ethnic strife. Leaders of both countries have contributed in one way or the other to the continuation of the conflict through the imagination of a particular type of development project, hoping to stabilise the internal dynamics of their respective countries and legitimise their power. This 'development project' is similar to how the Soviet Union looked at modernisation – which resulted in the large-scale displacement of nomadic communities, eventually contributing to the 'environment driver' of the current conflict.

What is the road ahead?

The path to resolution of the conflict will require groups to agree upon a common map. The international community will have to make efforts to solve the dispute by involving elders in the communities, as historically, elders have been used to resolve conflicts. The informal small-scale governance mechanisms would also have to be further strengthened through a concerted effort by the respective countries to stabilise the geopolitical dynamics.

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THE GIST

- The two landlocked countries, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, share a 1,000-km long border, a large part of which is disputed. There have been flare-ups in the past as well over sharing water and land resources.
- The issue of the delimitation of the border is a relic of the Soviet era. While regular talks have tried to resolve the issue, one of the crucial points of disagreement remains over the map which should be used for demarcation purposes.
- The path to resolution of the conflict will require warring groups to agree upon a common map. The international community too will have to make greater efforts to solve the dispute by involving elders in the communities.

The case of nikah halala in India, and a long court battle

What is it and why are women seeking an annulment of halala marriage? How does it affect Muslim women of the country? When is the court going to hear it?

Ziya Us Salam

The story so far: Sameena Begum, a Delhi-based victim of instant triple talaq and a fraud marriage approached the Supreme Court in 2018 seeking a ban on nikah halala. Following her petition, the Court issued notices to the Government of India, the National Human Rights Commission, the National Commission for Women and the National Minorities Commission. The five-judge Bench headed by Justice Indira Banerjee shall hear the case this October.

Why did Sameena Begum approach the Supreme Court?

Sameena Begum filed a PIL seeking the annulment of halala marriage and polygamy. She requested the court that Section 2 of the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937, be declared arbitrary and in violation of Articles 14, 15, 21 and 25 of the Constitution. She has also requested the court to ensure that provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, apply to all Indian citizens. She contended that nikah halala is rape under IPC Section 375.

She was not alone in seeking annulment of nikah halala. With her was Farzana Parveen who used to live in Noida with her husband Abdul Qadir. Qadir pronounced triple talaq but later put a condition to accept her back: she should undergo halala marriage. Parveen refused to marry another man for the sake of getting back to Qadir. Instead, she sought judicial redress, seeking a ban on nikah halala.

The Koran allows a man to divorce his wife a maximum of two times. On both the occasions, separated by at least one menstrual cycle – instant triple talaq is not mentioned anywhere in the Koran – he is allowed to cancel the divorce. If the spouses fail to resume cohabitation during this period, they are allowed to remarry without any third-party intervention. This can be done only twice. If the man takes his wife back after the second pronouncement of divorce and then divorces her for the third time, he is not allowed to marry her again. The woman becomes an independent being with full choice over her life.

Halala, the way the Koran speaks of it, empowers women to take independent decisions. It saves women from temperamental husbands who divorce in a fit of anger, then cancel it, then divorce again, unleashing an endless cycle of marriage and divorce.

The Indian reality is way removed from the scriptural injunctions. Often a man pronounces triple talaq in a fit of anger. A little later, he realises his mistake and approaches a maulana who often tells him that he has exhausted all three chances at divorce; his erstwhile wife is now prohibited to him for reconciliation unless she marries another man, and he either divorces her or dies. For the purpose of going back to the erstwhile husband, sham marriages are enacted wherein a woman marries another man with a pre-decided date and time of divorce. The nikah is conducted with the understanding that the divorce shall take place the next day after consummation of marriage. Usually, nikah halala stems from instant triple talaq and ends with it.

Is nikah halala prevalent across the globe?

In Saudi Arabia, where divorces are on the rise, no cases of halala have been reported. No case has been reported from the UAE, Kuwait and Yemen either. In India, the Muslim Women's Protection of Rights on Marriage, passed after invalidation of triple talaq by the Supreme Court, is silent on nikah halala. The Act made instant triple talaq a criminal offence but steered clear of halala which takes place as a consequence of triple talaq. If the first husband is punished for giving her instant triple talaq, the second for doing likewise to facilitate her return to her former husband, where does that leave the woman?

THE GIST

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 20th July, 2022

S.O. 3299(E). - In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH50 in the stretch of land from Km 299 to Km418.75 (Office of Special Land Acquisition Office National Highways Authority of India Hospet) in the district of BALLARI in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, the Special Land Acquisition Officer, NHAI, NH 50, 2nd Cross, JCR Extension, Behind Apollo Pharmacy, Chitradurga- 577 501 in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH50 in the stretch of land from NH 50 (Office of Special Land Acquisition Office National Highways Authority of India Hospet) in the district of BALLARI in the state of KARNATAKA.

State: KARNATAKA District: BALLARI

S. No.	Survey /Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Kudligi					
Village: Amalapura					
1	199/B	Private	Dry	485.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0485000
Village: Banavikallu					
1	469	Private(Non-Agriculture)	Non-Agriculture	526.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0526000
Village: M.B.Iyyanahalli					
1	122/A	Private(Dry)	Dry	2,424.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2424000
2	K.NO. 882/478	Private(Non-Agriculture)	Non-Agriculture	316.9200000(Square Meter)	0.0316920
			Total	**3,751.9200**	**0.3752**

[F. No. NHAI/PIU-CTA/HST-CTA/NH-50/3A]
RAJESH GUPTA, Director

IN THE COURT OF THE 82nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU CCH-83
EXECUTION PETITION No.20/2020

BETWEEN:
M/s. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research — Decree Holder
AND:
M/s. Encore Software Ltd., — Judgement Debtor.

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT

RESPONDENT:
M/s. Encore Software Limited,
Having its Registered Office at
No.6F, LEO Complex,
44 & 45, Residency Cross Road,
Bengaluru-560 025.
Represented by its Director.

Whereas, the Decree Holder has filed above Execution Petition for the recovery of Rs.36,37,85,066.36 Under Order 21 Rule 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure seeking to Attachment and sale of movables of Judgement Debtor to be shown by Decree Holder as per Memo filed by the Decree Holder, Arrest of Judgment Debtor and detention in the Civil Prison and Attachment and sale of schedule immovable property etc.,

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or on duly authorized counsel on 18.10.2022 at 11.00 AM, failing which, the above Execution Petition will be heard and disposed off in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Court this the 13th Day of September 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/-
Sheristedar
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Description of work	Approx. Value
Provision of Signalling arrangements in connection with interlocking of 10 LC Gates over Bengaluru Division (07 LC Gates)-Electrical Arrangements (LC Nos- 31, 34, 46, 50, 24, 66 & 75) and Proposed High Level Platform for a lenght of 450 Mtrs (on Road No. 04) at Mulanur Station in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bangarapet Sub-Division-Electrical Works.	Rs. 18,55,585/-

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Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
PUB/380/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23 Bengaluru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my clients proposed to purchase the property described in the schedule herein from **Miss. A. Gayathri, D/o Ashwathappa,** R/at.No.28, Near Yelamma Temple, Amruthahalli, Sahakaranagara Post, Bangalore-560092. Persons objecting for the proposed purchaser or having any rights in the below mentioned property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence **within ten (10) days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of site No. 442/A Katha No.1127/442A, 1st Main Road, 1st A-Main Road, 2nd Cross, Layout named as "Talacauvery Nagar" formed by Talacauvery House Building Co-Operative Society Limited (Regd) in several Sy No.of Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengalore District, Measuring East-West:76 Feet, North to South: 30 Feet, Total measuring 2280 Sq.ft, and Bounded as follows:

East By : Private Property,
West By : Road,
North By : Site No: 442 & 441/A,
South By : 2 Feet Vacant space.

B. L. RUDRESH,
Advocate & Legal Consultant,
#83, "Sai Krupa", Rajadhani layout, Adakamaranahalli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-562162, Mob: 9342570230,
Bengaluru, Date: 22/09/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Client **Mr. Khadar Khan,** Mobile No. 9845759926, has negotiated to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from its present owners Mrs.SARASWATHI.V, Mrs.AMBIKA.R and Sri.GURURAJU.R, having acquired the title and possession under Gift Deeds executed by their mother Smt. JAYAMMA, Any person/s, institution/s claiming to have any right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge or encumbrance over the schedule property may notify his/their claim or objections if any, together with documentary proof to the undersigned within **fifteen (15) days** from the publication of this public notice, failing which it would be conclusively presumed and deemed that no person/s has/have any right, title, interest, claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever in the Schedule Property and further my client will be entitled to proceed with the transaction and register the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor bearing **Site No.4 comprised in No.55/1, Present No.26** situated at 8th 'B' Main, Gurrappanapalya, Bangalore South, coming under the limits of BBMP Ward No.171.

MEASURING: East to West-18 feet and North to South-42 feet in all measuring 756 sq.ft

BOUNDED ON THE **East by:** Property belonging to Narayanappa, **West by:** Site No.5 belonging to Shanthamma, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.

R.A. RAHMAN & ASSOCIATES,
Advocates
#1, "Tipu Chambers", 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, N.R. Road, Bangalore-560002, Karnataka, Date: 22-09-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our client intends to purchase immovable property bearing Site No.79/2/5 and Khata No.739, presently within the limits of Brahat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bearing BBMP Khata No.813/827/907/79/2/5 measuring east to west 75 feet and north to south 53 feet, in all measuring 3975 sq. feet, (formed on the converted land bearing Survey No.79/2) situated at Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore morefully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "**Schedule Property**" from M/s Corporate Leisure and Property Developments Private Limited.

Any person having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or having any objection to the purchase must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof, **within seven (7) days** from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any objection to our client purchasing the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.79/2/5 and Khata No.739, presently within the limits of Brahat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and bearing BBMP Khata No.813/827/907/79/2/5 measuring east to west 75 feet and north to south 53 feet, in all measuring 3975 sq. feet, (formed on the converted land bearing Survey No.79/2) situated at Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangaloreand bounded as follows:

East by : Munswamy's Land;
West by : 30 feet road;
North by : Site No.79/2/6 and 79/2/7;
South by : Site No.79/2/4.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 23.09.2022

Issued by:
Vivek B Ramakrishna,
Advocate
M/S AGRAA LEGAL
2nd floor, No. 19, Shivashenkara plaza, Lalbagh road, Richmond circle, Bangalore - 560 027

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 (No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 04.07.2022** and thereafter, paper publication dated **22.07.2022** (as some of the envelopess containing the said notice addressed to borrowers/ mortgagors were returned unserved/not acknowledged the same was published in **"The Hindu" & "Udayavani"** daily news papers on **22.07.2022**) calling upon the borrower, **M/s Bulls Eye Media Pvt. Ltd., Regd. Office:** No.40, LGF, National Park Lajpat Nagar Part -IV, New Delhi – 110024, **Local Office:** No.615/A, 2nd Floor, 10th Main, 31st Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011**and Guarantors/ Mortgagors, (1) Sri. Jeethmal Mutha**, S/o Sri. Bhimraj, Director, **(2) Sri. Babli Devi,** W/o Sri. Bhimraj, Director, **(3)Sri. Mukesh Kumar,** S/o Sri. Bhimraj, Director, All (1) to (3) are residing at:No.618/A, 10th Main Road, 31st Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011, **(4) Smt. Vandana,** D/o Shri Bhimraj, (W/o Shri Naresh) No.538, Anantha Paradise, 10th Main, 32nd Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bengaluru 560 011 **(5)Shri Anant Murlidhar Zade,** S/o Shri. Murlidhar Hari Babu Zade, Director, **(6)Smt. Archana Anant Zade,** W/o Shri Anant Zade, All (5) & (6) are residing at: No.102, "Dhruv Heights" Plot No. 186-187, Sector No. 10, Kharghar Navi – Mumbai 410 210, **Corporate Guarantor: M/s Sidhachal Constructions and Developers Pvt Ltd,** Represented by its Managing Director Shri Bhimraj, No.20/ 2, Gowri Nilaya, 1st Cross, Jumma Masjid Road, Bengaluru – 560002 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.9,39,70,592/- (Rupees Nine Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Two Only)** as on **30.06.2022** and interest from **01.07.2022** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantors/Corporate Guarantor/mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantors/Corporate Guarantor/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **22.09.2022**.

The borrower/guarantors/Corporate Guarantor/mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned properties and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.9,64,56,356/-** (Rupees Nine Crore Sixty Four Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six Only) excluding outstanding contingent liabilities – guarantees, as on 20.09.2022 and further interest from 21.09.2022 costs, etc., thereon.

Theborrower/guarantors/Corporate Guarantor/mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Description of the Properties (Secured Assets)

(1) All that piece and parcel of Plot bearing No. Block G-1, presently bearing Khata No.204, at Hebbal Housing Industrial Area formed in Sy. Nos.100 & 101 of Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, measuring East to West 46.00 (Forty Six) Meters and North to South 44.00 (Forty Four) Meters standing in the name of M/s Shidhachala Constructions and Developers Pvt. Ltd., Represented by Managing Director, Shri Bhimraj, S/o Shri Mishrimalji, vide Sale Deed dated 10.04.2006 and Registered as Documents No.MYN-1-00780/2006-07 and CD No.MYND84 dated 10.04.2006 at SRO, Mysore (North) and bounded on: East by : Block - G (Part), West by: KIADB Road, North by : Block - G (Part), South by : KIADB Road.

(2) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Nos.31 & 31/1, PID Nos.60-116-31 & 31/ 1 (formerly being Site No.579) situated at 32nd 'D' Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011 in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.60 (Pattabhiramanagar Ward), measuring East to West 42 feet and North to South 60 feet totally 2520 Sq. feet with Ground Floor Municipal No.31, PID No.60-116-31, having constructed area of about 1200 Sq. feet. and First and Second Floors, Municipal No.31/1, PID No.60-116-31/1, having constructed area of about 1700 Sq. feet standing the name of Shri Jeethmal Mutha, S/o Shri Bhimraj, vide Sale Deed dated 12.05.2014 and Registered as Document No.JAY-1-01016/2014-15 and CD No.JAYD197 dated 12.05.2014 at Sr. SRO, Jayanagar, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by : Property bearing No.578, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by: Property bearing No.559

(3) **SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY : (Description of the entire property):** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.8 (formerly bearing No.615/A) situated at 10th 'C' Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.60 (Pattabhiramanagar Ward), Bangalore, measuring East to West (45'+55')/2 = 50 feet [on the Northern Side 45 feet and Southern Side: 55 feet] and North to South 40 feet totally 2000 Sq. feet and bounded on: East by : Road, West by: Burial Ground, North by : Site No.615/B, South by : Service Road.

SCHEDULE – 'B' PROPERTY : (Description of the property owned by the Donor-Smt. Babli Devi, W/o Sri. Bhimraj):

Residential apartment bearing internal No.302, bearing Municipal No.11/1-3 (PID No.60-105-11//1-3) situated on the western side of the second floor of the building built upon the Schedule – 'A' Property hereinabove measuring about 510 Sq. feet (47.43 Sq. mts) and bounded as under: East by : Apartment No.301, West by : Burial Ground, North by : Terrace Area/ Private Property, South by : Road.

Along with undivided right, title, interest and share to the extent of 300 Sq. feet in the sital area of the Schedule – 'A' Property along with the constructed portion measuring about 1490 Sq. feet upon the terrace area on the second floor and about 150 Sq. feet upon the terrace area on the third floor both of which have been put up by the Donor, in addition to all residual rights in the Schedule – 'A' Property which included the right to put up construction in the remaining terrace area on the third floor, to raise further floors and put up additional construction thereon with all easementary rights that have been conferred upon the Donor and jointly enjoyed by her in common with the other co-owners of the apartments in the Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE – 'C' PROPERTY : (Description of the property hereby gifted): Undivided right, title, interest and share to the extent of 200 Sq. feet in the sital area of the Schedule – 'A' Property along with the constructed portion measuring about 1490 Sq. feet upon the terrace area on the second floor and about 150 Sq. feet upon the terrace area on the third floor – both of which have been put up by the Donor, in addition to all residual rights in the Schedule – 'A' Property which includes the right to put up construction in the remaining terrace area on the third floor, raise further floors and put up additional construction thereon and included all easementary rights that have been conferred upon the Donor and jointly enjoyed by her in common with the other co-owners of the apartment in the Schedule – 'A' Property, standing in the joint names of Shri Jeethamal Mutha, S/o Shri Bhimraj and Shri Mukesh Kumar, S/o Shri Bhimraj, vide Gift Deed dated 06.07.2011 and Registered as Document No.JAY-1-00736/2011-12 and CD No.JAYD129 dated 06.07.2011 at Sr. SRO, Jayanagar, Bengaluru.

Place : Bengaluru/ Camp:(Mysore)
Date : 22.09.2022

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

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CHANGE OF NAME

WE, RAVI Kumar Naik Ramachandranaik and Suntha Ravi Kumar Naik, R/ a No.32/2D, Nandini Crest Apartment, 5th Cross, Dinnur Main Road, RT Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032 have changed our minor Son's name from Praneel R Naik to Praneel Ravikumar Naik vide affidavit dt: 22.09.2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore.

I, YASHAS R Naik, S/o Ravi Kumar Naik Ramachandranaik, R/a No.32/2D, Nandini Crest Apartment, 5th Cross, Dinnur Main Road, RT Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032 have changed my name to Yashas Ravikumar Naik vide affidavit dt: 22.09.2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore.

I Vaishnavi Chikkerahalli Mohan Das D/o C J Mohan Das, Flat No. 204, 2nd Floor, Siri Fortune Apartments, Anjhalli, Bangalore 560061 have changed my name to Vaishnavi Das for all purposes

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XI ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURTS, AT : HYDERABAD
O.S. No. 466 OF 2017

Between:
M/s. Sugna Metals Limited, Q/o. 1-8-673, Azamabad, Hyderabad - 500020 (T.S.) rep. by its Managing Director Mr. Bharat Kumar ...Plaintiff
AND
Balaji Ispat & Anr. 21/5, 2nd Floor, Revira Apartment, Bascopa Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore. (or) C/o. F-2/23, DLF Phase I, Gurgoan NCR, Haryana - 122001. ...Defendants

Whereas the above named Plaintiff filed suit for money recovery vide OS No. 466/2017 against M/s. Balaji Ispat, praying the Hon'ble Court to pass a decree and judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants directing the defendants to pay for a sum **Rs. 19,08,603/-** together with interest @ 18% pa. Defendant M/s. Balaji Ispat, Represented by its Authorized signatory, O/o. #21/5, 2nd Floor, Revira Apartment, Basopa Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore (or) C/o. F-2/23, DLF Phase I, Gurgoan NCR, Haryana-122001. Defendant is trying to avoid summons from Hon 'ble Court. The Hon'ble Court by its Order dt.06.09.2022 directed the plaintiff to publish the notice. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or counsel on **14.10.2022** at 10.30am or else the Hon'ble Court will proceed with the suit exparte, and will be heard and adjudicated in your absence. Hence this notice.

(By order of the Hon'ble Court)
Sd/- **N. VINESH RAJ**, Advocate, #1-1-287/19F, Chikkadpally, Hyderabad-20. **Cell No. 9391033696**

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE JR. CIVIL JUDGE : KAIKALURU, ELURU DISTRICT : A-P
O.S. No. : 209/2021

Between :
Jaldu Manikyala Rao & 2 Others - Plaintiffs
And
Smt. Jaldu Bhujalakshmi & 3 Others - Defendants
To

3rd Defendant : Smt. Sundaram Roja Ramani, W/o. Naga Malleswara Rao, D.No.11/1, Main 5th Cross, Sri Nagar, Kalidaso Layout, Bangalore, South - Bangalore, Karnataka State.

The above suit is posted to 13-10-2022 for appearance of the above named 3rd defendant. Injunction petition I.A. No.191/2021 is also posted to 13-10-2022 for appearance of the 3rd defendant. The 3rd defendant has to appear before the above court on 13-10-2022 at 10.30 am either in person through an advocate failing which the suit will be decided in her absence.

Place : Eluru Date : 20.09.2022

B. Gowri Shankar &
A.V.S. Surya Rao
Advocates for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE..... ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 25462/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Shivamurthy
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Shivamurthy, S/o. Sri. Hanumegowda, Aged about 42 years, No.180/1, Samrudhi Vijaya Vittala Layout, Donujipalya, Nelamangala, Bangalore - 562 123

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.4,39,188/ - (Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty Eight Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 25/11/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and a disposed ex-parte.

Given onder my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20/09/2022.

Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE..... ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 25746/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Md Sai Charan ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Md Sai Charan,
S/o Sri. Mucheli Rangaishetty Dhandayudappni, Aged about 27 years, MEI Layout, Hesraghatta Main Road, Mallasandra, T Dasarahalli, Next to Aromatic Company, Bangalore - 560 057

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.8,15,623/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Three Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 25/11/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and a disposed ex-parte.

Given onder my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20/09/2022

Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

INBRIEF

BBMP intensifies drive against encroachments

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) ongoing anti-encroachment drive was intensified on Thursday, and the civic body completely demolished a one-storey building in the Mahadevapura zone after giving prior notice to the residents.

BBMP officials said that the building was demolished in Munnekolala's Shantiniketan Layout. "The Revenue Department tahsildar had earlier issued a notice to the residents staying in the building to move out of the structure soon. As per the notice, the residents have vacated the building and hence, on Thursday, using JCB, we completely demolished the building," said a senior BBMP official. In another encroachment drive by BBMP, the officials had started demolishing a four-storey building in Papaiah Reddy Layout. However, the drive was stopped after noticing that further demolition work may harm other adjoining buildings.

Meanwhile, the civic body officials said that the drive at upscale Greenwood Regency is almost completed.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (September 23, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- Analysing the Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan conflict
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Panel suggests scientific method for 'normalisation' of II PU marks of CET repeaters

Report of committee was submitted before a Division Bench, comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, during the hearing on appeals filed by the government and the Karnataka Examinations Authority

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Students and their parents at the Karnataka Examinations Authority office for document verification in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

A committee of experts on Thursday suggested deduction of an average five to seven marks in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics subjects for 'normalisation' of the marks of the students, who passed II PU in 2021, to consider even their II PU marks along with the CET-2022 marks in the ratio of 50:50 for allotting CET ranks as was done in the case of students who passed II PU in 2022. The report of the committee was submitted before a Division Bench, comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, during the hearing on appeals filed by the government and the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA).

The committee suggested a scientific formula for 'normalisation' of higher marks awarded to the students, who passed II PU in 2021 benefiting from the marks awarded by way of a special methodology in view of non conduct of annual exams due to COVID-19 last year.

It has been suggested in the committee's report to follow the root mean square (RMS) method for normalising the marks of the 2021 batch of II PU students with that 2022 batch.

"Applying RMS method would ensure that not only the central pool but also the entire data set is normalised, and leads to almost similar inference," it has been stated in the report.

The exercise of 'normalisation' would result in deduction of an average six marks in Physics, five marks in Chemistry, and seven marks in Mathematics, the committee said in the report.

The report made it clear that applying the marks after 'normalisation' in 50:50 may improve the ranks of students who passed II PU in 2021 and may affect the ranking of the students who passed II PU in 2022.

To address this issue, the committee has suggested that the number of seats in the information technology related courses can be increased by 10% to safeguard the interest of students who passed II PU in 2022, the committee suggested.

The government had set up the committee, headed by B. Thimme Gowda, Vice-Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, on September 20 after the Division Bench on September 19 asked the government to explore possibilities to find an amicable solution, which is acceptable to both the sections of the students, those who wrote II PU in 2021 and in 2022.

Some students who passed II PU in 2021 had filed petitions questioning non consideration of 50% of their II PU marks for allotting ranks.

A Bench on September 3 allowed their petitions, and quashed the rank list while directing the KEA to redo the ranking by considering marks in 50:50 ratio even for the students who passed II PU in 2021. However, the government and the KEA filed appeals against this order.

Merger of PU, SSLC boards: Bill tabled

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The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (Amendment) Bill, 2022, was tabled in the Assembly to merge the SSLC and the PU boards and to create a new Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board in accordance with the New Education Policy, 2020. The main objectives of the Bill are to change the nomenclature of the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board as Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, conduct pre-university examination in addition to SSLC and other public exams through this board.

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Organ donations in State this year touch the century mark

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The 100th donation was done in Dharwad where the family of an industrial worker donated his organs

Cadaveric organ donation in Karnataka is catching up fast with this year's donations so far touching the century mark. This is the second time since the inception of the erstwhile Zonal Coordination Committee of Karnataka (ZCCK) for organ transplantation in 2007 that organ donations have touched 100. The State had recorded 105 donations in 2019.

In 2017, ZCCK was registered as a society and named as Jeevasarthakathe, the State's nodal agency that facilitates cadaveric organ donations. This month (on September 5), the Union Health Ministry officially recognised Jeevasarthakathe as the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) and has allocated the required ₹84 lakh.

The 99th organ donation that happened in Chikkamagaluru is noteworthy as this is the first donation that has happened in a district hospital, which has been identified as a Non-Transplant Human Organ Retrieval Centre (NTHORC). The 100th donation has been done in Dharwad wherein the family of a 36-year-old industrial worker from Koppal, who met with a road traffic accident, donated his vital organs.

State Health Commissioner Randeep D. told *The Hindu* that Chikkamagaluru has become the first district hospital in the State to identify a potential organ donor. With this, Karnataka has recorded the second highest organ donations among Southern States after Telangana this year, he said.

"Our doctors from the brain-death certification team assisted the empanelled team of doctors there to certify the brain death and carry out the formalities of organ donation with the family's consent. A team of doctors from Bengaluru rushed to Chikkamagaluru for organ retrieval," he said.

He said the government has started training programmes for district health officials and general surgeons to handle such cases with sensitivity and ensure a successful donation. "We have recognised 18 district hospitals and medical colleges as NTHORCs to facilitate organ donations from the districts too," he said.

Lijamol Joseph, Jeevasarthakathe Chief Transplant Coordinator, said awareness on organ donations has increased. "This year's 100 donors include a nine-month-old male and a 97-year-old male. Both donors are from Bengaluru. The young girl's donation in Chikamagalur has inspired many college students, who are now eager to become organ donation ambassadors," she said.

Organ donations that had almost come to a halt during the pandemic saw a steady rise this year in the first quarter, especially after organ donations by celebrities. Subsequently, the pace picked up further. "As many as 70 cadaveric donations were recorded in 2021, retrieving 284 organs and tissues (including corneas and heart valves). In 2020, 35 donations were recorded, retrieving 167 organs and tissues. Likewise, in 2019 as many as 105 cadaveric donations were facilitated through Jeevasarthakathe (wherein 511 organs and tissues were retrieved). With the 100 donations this year, we have retrieved 284 organs," Ms. Joseph said.

Civic body to study stability of all 47 flyovers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BBMP's decision comes days after a hole surfaced on the Sumanahalli flyover situated on the Outer Ring Road

Days after a hole surfaced on the Sumanahalli flyover, located on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), Chief Commissioner of BBMP Tushar Giri Nath said that the BBMP has given a contract to a company to study the stability and other issues related to all the 47 flyovers in the city.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Nath said: "Some damages in the flyover surface have been reported recently. We have given a contract to a company called Infra Support. This is a three-year running contract to study the stability and other issues related to flyovers. In the latest report, they said that there are no issues related to stability in the flyovers in Bengaluru."

The BBMP has asked for another report from Infra support company by December on all 47 flyovers in the city, the Chief Commissioner said, adding that after the report is submitted, the civic body will take action if there is a need for any repair.

A hole had surfaced on the Sumanahalli flyover, on the Outer Ring Road over Magadi Road connecting Nagarabhavi and the Dr. Rajkumar Samadhi.

The civic body has installed barricades around the hole and repair work started on Thursday.

"The Sumanahalli flyover study report said that there is an issue on the surface of the flyover.

However, we had already resolved the issue, but on Tuesday, there was a hole on the surface of the flyover and this will be repaired," Mr. Nath said.

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Notification

In accordance with the provisions of KERC (Fuel Cost Adjustment Charges) Regulations 2013 and based on the application filed by the HESCOM, Hon'ble KERC vide Order Dtd: 19.09.2022 has ordered to collect **35** paisa / unit (**Thirty Five** paisa/unit) as Fuel Cost Adjustment Charges (FAC) in all the energy bills to be issued to consumers for the billing period from **01st October 2022** to **31 st March 2023**.

HESCOM is hereby informing all the consumers that, HESCOM is billing and collecting **35** paisa / unit (**Thirty Five** paisa /unit) as Fuel Cost Adjustment Charges in all the energy bills from **01st October 2022** to **31 st March 2023**. Hon'ble KERC Order may be obtained from **www.hescom.karnataka.gov.in** website.

Sd/- Controller,
Corporate Office, HESCOM

DIPR/DWD/MCA/594/2022-23

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
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Notice is hereby given to all the Creditors (Secured & Unsecured) preferential creditors as well as workmen, if any, of the above named company that they are required to submit to the Official Liquidator, Delhi attached to Hon'ble High Court of Delhi to prove their respective debts or claims against the above named Company by delivering at the Office of the Official Liquidator on or before the 30-10-2022 or sending by post to the Official Liquidator so as to reach him not later than the said date, an affidavit proving the debt or claim in the prescribed Form with their respective names, addresses and particulars of the debt or claim, and any title to priority under Section 529 A & 530. Any creditor (Secured & Unsecured) preferential creditors as well as workmen, if any, who fails to submit his affidavit of proof within the time limited as aforesaid, will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution of dividend before his debt is proved, or, as the case may be, from objecting to such distribution.

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION - SHORTERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under E-tendering in **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** portal from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTTP Act Indent No : 153413 (Amount Put Tender Rs.242.38 Lakhs), Indent No : 151844 (Amount Put Tender Rs.310.73 Lakhs) **Under the Head Of Account :8443-Deposit Contribution**. And Indent No :152500 (Estimate Amount Rs.125.00 Lakhs), Indent No :152503 (Estimate Amount Rs.125.00 Lakhs) **Under the Head Of Account 5054-District and Other Roads. The Last date for reciept of above tender : 10.10.2022 upto 16.00 Hours.**
Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc only can been seen from e -portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
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Regular run of 22306/22305 Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru-Jasidih Weekly Express will commence **w.e.f. 30.09.2022** from **Jasidih** & **w.e.f. 02.10.2022** from **SMVT Bengaluru**. This new train will run **from Jasidih on every Friday** and **from SMVT Bengaluru on every Sunday.** Abstract timings and stoppages are as under :

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	–	06:30	↓ Jasidih	00:55	–	Tuesday
	08:57	08:59	Asansol	22:49	22:51	
	10:44	10:46	Barddhaman	21:28	21:30	
Friday	11:48	11:53	Dankuni	20:35	20:40	Monday
	14:15	14:23	Kharagpur	17:55	18:03	
	19:00	19:05	Bhubaneswar	12:45	12:50	
	01:45	02:05	Visakhapatnam	05:45	06:05	
Saturday	13:55	14:00	Perambur	15:50	15:55	
	20:30	–	SMVT Bengaluru ↑	–	10:00	Sunday

The train will also stop at Madhupur, Jamtara, Durgapur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Vizianagaram, Nellore, Katpadi and Jolarpettai stations enroute. **Composition :** Same as above mentioned Inaugural Special.

Booking of Superfast Inaugural Special train **06398 (Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru)** is available through PRS & Internet. Booking of **22306 (Jasidih-SMVT Bengaluru) Superfast Weekly Express** will be made available on & from **24.09.2022** through PRS & Internet.
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A still from *Reservoir Dogs*

Are movie remakes relevant in the OTT era?

Remaking, per se, is not a problem; it is about what the filmmaker does with the original film, and the unique vision brought into the new movie

Praveen Sudevan

Watching Shakti Soundar Rajan's latest film, *Captain*, earlier this month, spurred a few questions. Foremost among them was: why did he even make it? The film is a ripoff of John McTiernan's *Predator*, one of the greatest sci-fi action movies of all time. This is the fourth film, wherein Shakti has heavily borrowed from well-known Hollywood flicks. He fancies the tag of being the first in Tamil cinema to make films in visual effects-heavy genres like creature features, space flicks, and zombie movies, from which most of his counterparts have shied away due to budget constraints. One could appreciate Shakti for attempting these less familiar genres in Tamil. But the attempts themselves have been ordinary and less original. *Captain*, for instance, is far inferior to its original (released 35 years ago) in terms of screenplay, action choreography, and more importantly, makeup, special effects and visual effects – which are absolutely essential for a monster movie.

There was a time when cinema beyond one's region was not easily accessible. So, filmmakers could adapt films from afar according to local sensibilities. Take Sanjay Gupta's remake of *Reservoir Dogs*, *Kaante*, for instance. He Bollywood-ised Quentin Tarantino's cult classic. The film, apart from succeeding at the box office, earned praise from Tarantino himself.

"I think it was fabulous. The best part is, you have Indian guys coming to the U.S. and looting a U.S. bank. How cool is that. I was truly honoured. And these guys are played by the legends of Bollywood," he said in an interview.

Kaante came out in 2002 when international films were still out of reach for most Hindi film audiences. Not many would have known that it was a readaptation of *Reservoir Dogs*. In this day and age, however, when films around the world have become more accessible than ever, do remakes still make sense?

Before answering this question, let's see why remakes within Indian cinema don't work all the time.

Lost in translation

Over the last few years, Hindi cinema has been increasingly remaking films from the south. This year alone, we saw the releases of *Jersey* (a remake of the Telugu film of the same name), *Good Luck Jerry* (a remake of the Tamil film *Kolamaavu Kokila*), and *Cuttputlli* (a remake of the Tamil film *Ratsasan*). Despite the success of their respective originals and being headlined by stars – Shahid Kapoor in *Jersey*, Jhanvi Kapoor in *Good Luck Jerry*, and Akshay Kumar in *Cuttputlli* – none of these films succeeded as well as they did in Tamil and Telugu.

For instance, *Ratsasan* worked because it pitted a young, inexperienced cop, who aspires to be a filmmaker, against an intelligent psycho murderer. Vishnu Vishal was apt for the cop's role.

Meanwhile, Akshay Kumar, who is 55 years old and has a superstar persona, was perhaps not the best choice. We can pinpoint reasons for the lukewarm response to *Good Luck Jerry* as well. But the truth is that the success of such remakes has always been unreliable. On most occasions, they do not work because something significant gets lost in translation. Take the case of Feroz Khan's *Dayavan*, which was a remake of Mani Ratnam's *Nayakan*. While the latter is regarded as one of the best-ever films of Indian cinema, the former is merely considered a bland simulacrum of it.

Despite both movies narrating the journey of the larger-than-life Mumbai don, Varadaraja Mudaliar, *Dayavan* did not work because of its setting. Ratnam himself talks about it in the book, *Conversations With Mani Ratnam*. "To me, *Nayakan* is the story of a man going to an alien zone and establishing roots and becoming somebody in that territory," he says, "It is really an underdog's conquest in an alien zone. So, for the Hindi version to root the story in Bombay was itself odd."

Filmmakers, while transposing a story to a different setting, miss out on key elements. Shashank Khaitan's *Dhadak*, the remake of Nagraj Manjule's Marathi film *Sairat*, is a recent example that comes to mind. Both films are typical romantic tragedies. But where Manjule's film stands out is in its portrayal of caste discrimination. He makes it apparent that the villain of his film is not one person or a few people; it is caste. Khaitan's Hindi version diluted this caste angle, which is the most crucial element of the story.

Pan-Indian cinema

OTT platforms have been a game-changer over the last three years in India. It has taken stars and filmmakers from a specific region to people from several parts of the country. Films like *Pushpa*, *RRR*, and *KGF 2* performing well beyond their respective linguistic domains is an indication that audiences are ready to accept stars from any part of the country.

Filmmakers and producers who want to take their creations beyond their region now pay more attention to subtitling and dubbing in other languages. As a result, now, a person from Mumbai can watch and understand (to an extent) a film rooted in Madurai. This brings us back to our question: are remakes still relevant then?

The short answer is yes.

Remakes will not be obsolete because they are not always about casting different people and speaking a different language (say, as *Nanban* did with *3 Idiots*). Merely rooting the same story in another cultural backdrop can produce interesting results. Take Arunraja Kamaraj's *Nenjukku Neethi* – the Tamil remake of Anubhav Sinha's *Article 15*, a film that discusses caste – for instance. The contrast between the two worlds of these films was noteworthy. Unlike *Article 15*'s Lalgaoon (the fictional town in Uttar Pradesh), we do not see people in *Nenjukku Neethi* identifying others' caste by their surname. Because, thanks to the social reform movements in Tamil Nadu, even in a village in Pollachi, where the remake is set, caste is absent from people's names. Yet, as the film shows us, it exists everywhere.

Remaking, per se, is not a problem; it is about what the filmmaker does with the original film. Martin Scorsese's adaptation of Andrew Lau and Alan Mak's *Internal Affairs* (which he remade as *The Departed*) is a fine example of a good remake. *The Departed*, while retaining the essence of the original, presents a markedly different style of filmmaking. Scorsese took the story of *Internal Affairs* and made it his own.

Ultimately, a remake – at least a good one – requires what every other film does: a filmmaker's unique vision.

Note: The term 'remake', in this article, refers to legitimate and illegitimate readaptations of films

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Sir, what is meant by e.g. and i.e.?"

"i.e. is an abbreviation of Latin 'id est' which means "that is to say" or "namely." First you make a statement and add something to clarify it.

I am coming there on the second Saturday of this month, i.e., the fifteenth.

In this, there is additional information about the second Saturday. The exact date is given. That is the fifteenth. That is what i.e. is all about. Both i and e should be in small letters and there should be a comma before i.e.

I am coming there on the second Saturday of this month, i.e. the fifteenth.

'e.g.; is an abbreviation of Latin "exempli gratia" which means "for example", "for instance".

You must avoid crowded places, e.g. theatres.

Here the statement says that you must avoid crowded places and gives an example of a crowded place. 'e.g.' like 'i.e.' should be in small letters and should be preceded by a comma.

Except in formal writing, don't use these abbreviations. The modern tendency is to say "for instance" or "for example" instead of e.g., and "namely" or "that is to say" instead of i.e.

e.g. and i.e. are generally read aloud as "for example" and "that is to say", respectively. That is, don't pronounce them as "eegee" and "eyeee." I hope you understand now."

"Yes, sir, What is "a bone of contention," sir?"

"'A bone of contention' is something that causes disagreement or dispute. You argue about it.

The age of the retirement has been the bone of contention between the Government and its employees.

You won't be happy when I tell you that this expression relates to quarrels among dogs. When there are several dogs and you throw a single bone among them, there is a quarrel as to who should get it. This is the origin of the expression "a bone of contention". The word "contention" here is from "contend" which means "to struggle," "to compete." This is different from "context" which means "to be satisfied with what one has." From "content" you get "contentment", from "contend", you get "contention". In contentment, there is satisfaction. In contention, there is quarrel."

"Sir, is it "differ from" or "differ with?"

"When two things are not the same, you say they are different *from* each other.

Chalk is different from cheese.

She is different from her brother.

When it is used in the sense of "disagree," you can use either "from" or "with." Both are correct.

I differ with him on this question.

I differ from him on this question.

That's all for today. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

On September 23, 1889, Japanese gaming company Nintendo was founded. Here is a quiz on video games from across the world.

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
In this video game, players complete lines by moving differently shaped pieces which descend onto the playing field. The completed lines disappear and grant the player points. Name the game.

QUESTION 2
This game is about a pirate cat who sets on a quest to find an ancient amulet while fighting enemies. Name the game.

QUESTION 3
This is a text-based game, and the player assumes the role of a wagon leader guiding a party of settlers in the United States. Name the game.

QUESTION 4
This is a third-person shooter game that centres on a former detective who attempts to solve the murder of his family while investigating a drug trafficking case involving a mysterious new designer drug. Eventually, the detective becomes entangled in a large conspiracy, involving a pharmaceutical company. Name the game.

QUESTION 5
This is a futuristic racing video game, players compete in the F3600 anti-gravity racing league, piloting one of a selection of craft in races on several tracks around the world. There are seven race tracks in the game. Name the game.

QUESTION 6
This is a music video game which allows up to four players to simulate the performance of popular rock songs by playing with controllers modelled after musical instruments. Name the game.

Visual question: Identify the original game using the given picture. Name the hero who rescues his girlfriend from the eponymous character in the game.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Hippocrates described cancer referring to them with word 'karkinos'. Which animal do the word and description denote? **Ans: Crab**
2. Name the substance that promotes the formation of cancer. **Ans: Carcinogen/cancerogen**
3. Name the branch of medicine that deals with treatment and prevention of cancer. **Ans: Oncology**
4. The pink ribbon and the colour pink are used as motifs to raise money for which type of cancer? **Ans: Breast cancer**
5. Name the actor who died from colon cancer in 2020. **Ans: Chadwick Boseman**
6. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines protect against which cancer? **Ans: Cervical cancer**
7. Name the author who wrote *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer*. **Ans: Siddhartha Mukherjee**
Visual question: Name this scientist who discovered radiation in the nineteenth century. **Ans: Marie Curie**
Early Birds: Amit Purkait | Manoj Aggarwal | Kritika Rajput | Siddhartha Mukherjee

Word of the day

Pulverise:
to destroy completely

Synonyms:
grind, crush, crumble, squash

Usage: *When grinding the seeds, don't pulverise them to a powder.*

Pronunciation:
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After raids, security tightened in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hours after the raids on PFI and SDPI offices and residences of their members, the State police were asked to step up security measures to monitor the law and order situation.

Alok Kumar, Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order), who supervised the raids and coordinated with the NIA teams, directed the jurisdictional police to step up vigil and increase patrolling in sensitive areas from 6 p.m. on Thursday to 6 a.m. of Friday.

The social media monitoring cells have been directed to keep an eye on the inflammatory and derogatory posts and take necessary action.

"Patrolling has to be intensified at sensitive places at the jurisdictional level and picketing and check posts have to be put up to carry out random checks," he said.

According to sources, the measures have been taken in the wake of intelligence reports on possible violent retaliations in the wake of the raids.

The State and Central establishments should be given additional security cover to ensure they are protected and the jurisdictional police should not allow any unnecessary gathering at such places, Mr. Kumar said in a circular issued to all the districts police heads and commissionerates.

PFI member held in city; cases against others in exercise by NIA, ED, police

Based on an FIR filed at the K.G. Halli station, the police conducted simultaneous raids and detained 15 persons and said they had seized several incriminating documents

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Security personnel keep vigil outside the Popular Front of India office in Bengaluru on Thursday, PTI

In a coordinated effort with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the Bengaluru police registered a case against members of the Popular Front of India (PFI), charging them with criminal conspiracy to carry out subversive activities.

Based on an FIR filed at the K.G. Halli station on Wednesday, the police conducted simultaneous raids and detained 15 persons and said they had seized several incriminating documents.

The accused would be brought to Bengaluru from various places for questioning and the details will be shared with the NIA and the ED for further investigation.

Meanwhile, the NIA as part of a nationwide crackdown carried out raids across the State in coordination with the ED and the State police and arrested Yasir Arafath Hasan, PFI member from Bengaluru, on the charges of allegedly conspiring to carry out subversive activities and raising funds in India and abroad to facilitate terrorist activities in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi. He is among seven arrested from Karnataka, according to a NIA release.

The others are Anis Ahmed, Afsar Pasha, Abdul Wahid Sait, Mohammed Shakib, Muhammed Farooq Ur Rahman, and Shahid Nasir.

In a transit warrant, the NIA officials alleged that Arafath was planning "surgical strikes" in the the States and also radicalising Muslim youth.

The NIA has also alleged that apart from training activities and collecting arms to carry out activities aimed at causing communal disharmony, Arafath was also using social media and other platforms to run his campaign.

Based on the information, NIA officials raided his house situated at Kaval Bhairasandra and arrested him. His phone and other incriminating materials have been seized for further investigation.

Searches were conducted in other towns in Karnataka as well by the NIA, including Mangaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi, and Kalaburagi.

There were protests by PFI activists in several locations where raids were conducted.

The Karnataka police simultaneously conducted raids in eight districts: Bengaluru, Mysuru, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga, Kalaburagi, Davangere, Raichur, and Koppal.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said that this investigation is the first step to ban the PFI and the Social Democratic Party of India

The NIA is currently investigating at least two cases with the UAPA in Karnataka, where the accused are members of the PFI and the SDPI: the Praveen Nettaru case of 2022 and the D.J. Halli riots case of 2020.

NIA raids inspired by RSS, says SDPI State president

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Abdul Majeed said Socialist Democratic Party of India would fight government's high-handedness

The Karnataka State president of the Socialist Democratic Party of India (SDPI) Abdul Majeed condemned the nation-wide raids on the party's office and said that it was an "attempt to throttle the opposition and dissent." Addressing media persons here on Thursday, Mr. Majeed said the government was resorting to "terrorising and intimidating" political parties by breaking in to their office and described the raid as "RSS-inspired."

He said the "double-engine" government was fuelled by RSS and said that SDPI and Popular Front of India (PFI) would not be cowed down by the "intimidatory tactics" of the 'fascist government."

He alleged that the NIA had not issued notice but instead had broken the doors of the party's office in Mangaluru and the SDPI would fight the government's high-handedness.

Mr. Majeed said the government had failed to fulfil the electoral promises, including creating jobs, and hence was resorting to "diversionary tactics".

The SDPI leader said there was undeclared emergency in the country and it was time for all secular forces to unite and fight intimidatory tactics.

Bescom issues clarification about charges on bills after video goes viral

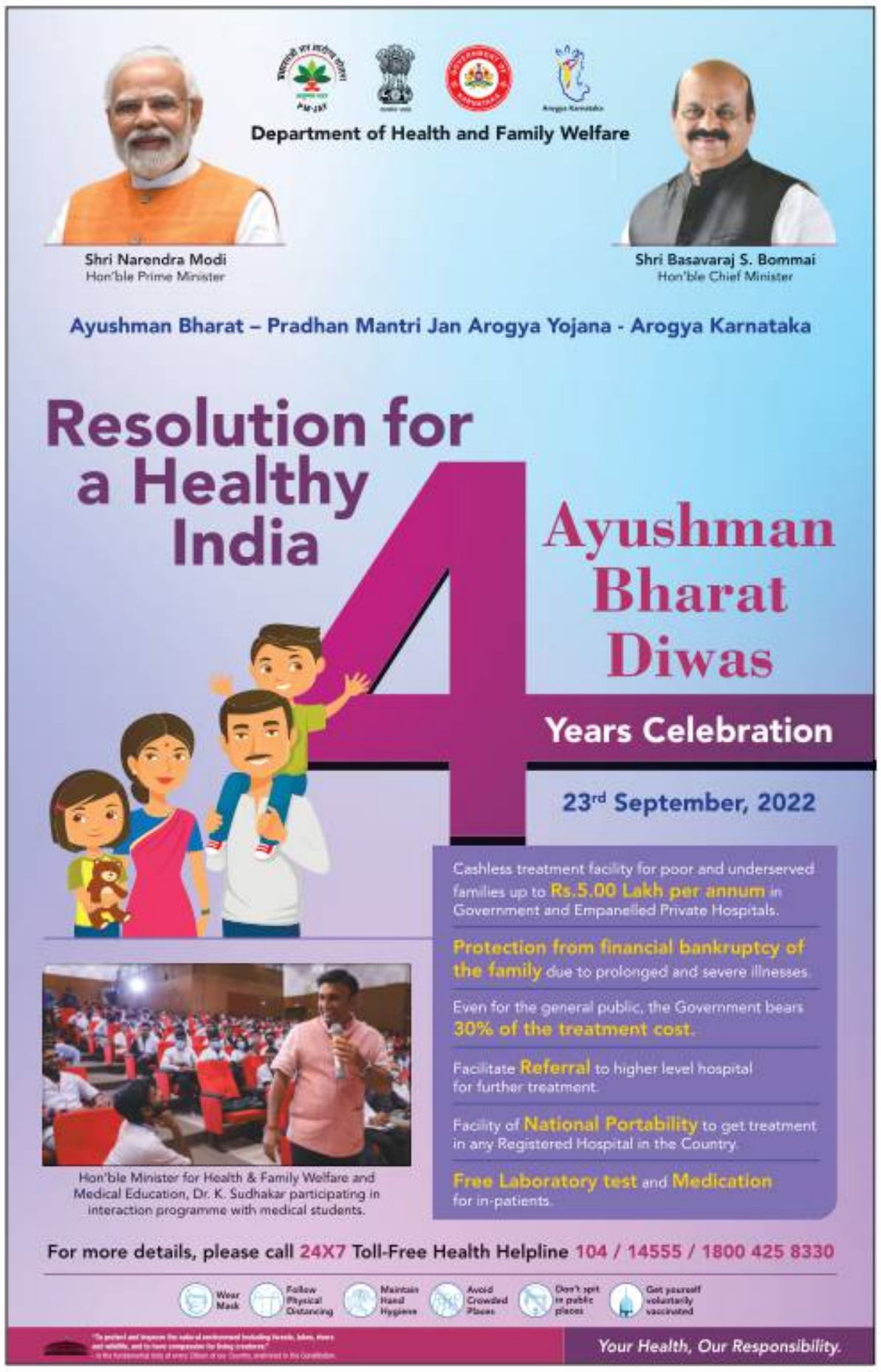
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) has initiated legal action against Puttegowda, who circulated a video on social media saying that Bescom is cheating consumers by charging extra in its bills.

The man had alleged that the company had no authority to collect fixed charges and levy Fuel Adjustment Cost (FAC) on consumers. In a press release issued on Thursday, Bescom urged its consumers to not pay heed to such baseless and false information.

"The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has fixed ₹100 for onekilo watt and ₹220 for two kilowatts of electricity as fixed charges. This charge is not imposed on the electricity consumed by the consumers. Even if they do not use electricity, the consumers should pay the fixed charges. The fixed charges are collected to cover the costs of connection, supply, and basic resource management of electricity which is borne by Bescom," said Mahantesh Bilagi, Managing Director, Bescom.

He further said that FAC is also fixed by the KERC based on the purchasing costs of coal and that these costs will be revised by the KERC every three months. He also explained how several other costs which are mentioned in the video are being collected rightfully as per regulations of the government.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Investigations into cyber frauds in IT capital remain a challenge for police

CYBERCRIMES IN 2021

	Total cybercrimes registered in 2021	Cyber-crime rate	Pending cases as of January 1, 2021	Total cases for investigation in 2021	Arrests	Cases closed owing to insufficient evidence	Previous years' cases chargesheeted	Cases from 2021 chargesheeted	Chargesheeting rate	Total cases for trial in 2021	Cases compounded or compromised	Trial completed	Total convictions	Acquitted	Conviction rate	Cases pending for investigation as of January 1, 2022
Karnataka	8,136	12.1	26,248	34,384	615	12,552	4,637	1,164	31.3%	6,841	5,497	55	10	68	12.8%	15,833
Bengaluru	6,423	75.6 (per one lakh population)	22,809	29,232	296	11,383	4,489	1,086	32.6%	5,968	5,495	11	1	10	9.9%	12,153

ILLUSTRATION: SEBASTIAN FRANCIS

Despite eight Cybercrime, Economic Offences and Narcotics police stations, apart from a cybercrime police station under Central Crime Branch, investigations are severely hampered by the lack of adequate staff and funds, besides technical challenges, reports **K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj**

"Dear CUSTOMAR, your electricity power will be disconnected to night at 9.30 pm from electricity office because your previous month bill was not updated. Please immediately contact with our electricity officer 9693325442 Thank you." (sic)

This has become a familiar message in Bengaluru over the last few months. Many gullible Bescom customers have become victims of phishing attacks. Wg. Cdr. Kurian Cherian (retd) learnt it the hard way after losing money to such an attack, despite not sharing the OTP with the caller. Another customer, Chowda Reddy, faced the wrath of the fraudster for not falling prey – the fraudster hacked into his phone and posted lewd messages on WhatsApp groups Mr. Reddy was a member of.

After hundreds of such cases were registered with the cybercrime police in Bengaluru, the city police and Bescom have launched awareness campaigns. However, not a single case has been cracked and the sleuths seem to be groping in the dark, at least as yet.

The Bescom bill scam saga, just one of the hundreds of modus operandi employed by fraudsters to cheat gullible citizens, seems a familiar story for cybercrime victims in the State.

Only 10 convictions

The State police closed investigations into 12,552 cases and city police 11,383 cases in 2021, stating that though the incidents did happen, there wasn't enough evidence to prosecute anyone. Of the 6,841 cases that went for trial, there were only 10 convictions in the State and one in the city. A majority of them – 5,497 cases – were disposed of before trial since victims were not keen or they settled or they did not turn up.

"In many cases, the quantum of financial loss will be lower than the cost it takes to investigate them. Most of the fraudsters will be holed up in remote northern states and sending teams to probe such cases doesn't make sense. We are already cash-strapped. In such cases, we have closed investigations," said a senior official.

Despite eight Cybercrime, Economic Offences and Narcotics (CEN) police stations, apart from a cybercrime police station under the Central Crime Branch in Bengaluru, which reports 80% of cybercrimes reported in the State, investigations are severely marred by lack of adequate staff and funds, apart from technical challenges.

Structural changes

The city police are now looking at pushing for structural changes to combat cybercrime. They started a Cyber Incident Report (CIR) in November 2021, in which victims of financial cybercrimes can report with details and CIR personnel will coordinate with banks to freeze transactions and destination accounts.

Out of cybercrimes in which financial loss of over ₹50 crore have been reported till date, CIR has been successful in freezing over ₹6 crore and refunding victims over ₹80 lakh. "While most of the nationalised banks are cooperating with us, private banks still pose a challenge. None of the banks respond beyond working hours and that also delays response. CIR is essentially a banking job that we are doing to help victims of financial cybercrime recover some money wherever we can help. Banks need to cooperate more," a senior official overseeing CIR said.

Cyber Incident Report (CIR) January 01, 2022 - September 21, 2022

CIR registered: 6,067

CIR disposed: 4,881

Pending: 1,186

Amount lost: ₹54.5 crore

Amount frozen: ₹6.19 crore

Amount refunded: ₹6.19 crore

Converted to FIRs: 849

Loan apps

City police are also now moving towards probes that focus on nipping it in the bud and attack the organised networks of cybercrimes, like in the case of loan apps that have become a big menace. One in every ten cybercrime cases reported in the city pertains to harassment by loan app executives.

The harassment is so bad that it has even led to suicides. A 52-year-old private bank employee Nandakumar killed himself in July last week in the city leaving behind a death note alleging harassment by Chinese loan app executives, who were allegedly abusing him, sending his morphed photographs to those on his contact list, over delay in repayment of loans. He had petitioned Karnataka and Maharashtra Police to ban 46 loan apps, to no avail.

The Enforcement Directorate recently conducted raids on several loan app firms and payment gateways across the country, based on 18 FIRs registered by the city police.

Agencies have frozen over ₹50 crore in various accounts, which will now be given back to victims. Many of these apps have also been shut down.

What needs fixing

However, many such regulatory loopholes persist, making citizens gullible to cybercrimes. "There are two pillars that need to be fixed. Unless there is tight regulation over issuance of SIM cards, and opening and handling of bank accounts, one cannot regulate cybercrime in the country," said Raman Gupta, Joint Commissioner (Crime), Bengaluru.

City police have now made several suggestions to plug loopholes in the regulatory framework to both the Department of Telecommunications and Reserve Bank of India.

"For instance, we find KYCs – based on which SIM cards and bank accounts have been operating – are often false in cybercrime cases. Once this happens, the probe hits a dead-end. This needs to be fixed. There needs to be regulations on how many bank accounts a person or a firm can own and operate, and the logic of jurisdiction needs to be applied to where you can open bank accounts. Banks should also monitor for patterns of large transactions and immediate withdrawals and transfer of money into various accounts. We also need to blacklist accounts," Mr. Gupta said.

Citizen-centric approach to digital security is the need of the hour

GUEST COLUMN

Tobby Simon

"Your network has been breached and all data was encrypted." The message on the screens of NIMHANS desktops provided a link to connect with the sales department of the ransomware and mentioned that the user has to purchase its decryption software, alluding to blackmail.

NIMHANS faced cybersecurity threats following a ransomware attack in March 2022. While there are concerns about patient data being compromised, and the functioning of the causality department, the director contended that only some computers were infected.

In a new avatar of digital crime, several consumers of Bescom have received specious communication conveying that the power connections to their respective homes will be severed due to the default in payment of electric bills. Those who reacted to this communique had their bank accounts compromised. As civil society is encouraged to embrace digital technology, they are at greater risk of disruptions by various cybersecurity incidents. The marginalization of civil society renders it vulnerable to policy and practice.

Civil society

While governments around the globe spend billions of dollars on protecting state-owned critical infrastructure (CI) and private corporations have generous cybersecurity budgets, the participation of civil society in cybersecurity rarely goes beyond tokenism.

For one, civil society seldom represents a significant commercial threat which merits the kind of expenditure commercial CI warrants. As civil society is often outside the ambit of CI, it is not subjected to legal provisions of cybersecurity laws. Furthermore, tech companies do not find it financially stimulating to invest in technology to secure smartphones sold off the shelf for mass consumption. A study published in February observes that India alone has over 750 million smartphone users, expected to rise to over a billion by 2026, driven by sales in its vast rural hinterland. Very few of these users understand the threats that online hackers pose.

Predators send umpteen messages to consumers to play on the latter's ignorance and greed. REUTERS

Despite Google's claims, experts have continued to detect malware in the so-called sanitized Google Play app. Apart from apps with overtly malicious intents, there are scammer apps on Google Play that pose as bonafide services like applications for social welfare payments but hijack the user data or even freeze the device in return for payment of a fee. Banking Trojans are even more fatal, allowing hackers to access the user's current session and personal mobile banking account without knowing the login password. Another app can take screenshots of the user's screen, thus recording critical data related to banking transactions. Finally, spyware like the infamous Pegasus could easily hack into almost any smartphone.

The current cybercrime scenario is disquieting as predators send umpteen messages to consumers to play on ignorance and more on their greed. With the latest technology, predators can alter existing videos and photographs to create fake content; with Artificial Intelligence (AI), 'deepfakes'; can be fabricated, which are almost impossible to differentiate from genuine ones. Such technology has great potential for digital manipulation and fraud.

When an email is sent, an online search is done, or a photo is shared on social media, we are sure to have left behind a trail of personal data that represents our 'digital footprint'. These digital footprints are permanent and extremely hard to erase. The data include the activities we perform in apps and online and consists of the geographical coordinates - as we take our devices with us just about everywhere, we go.

The way ahead

A 'national security-centric' narrative currently triumphs over cybersecurity policies and practices. Extracted from a realist theory of geopolitics, where nation states compete, the principal cybersecurity threats are characterized as those that cause damage to critical infrastructure within their territorial jurisdictions. The preferred alternative would be to adopt a 'citizen-centric' approach to digital security that strives for indivisible network security, assured data privacy and the broadest possible scope of homo-centric experience. It would seek to ensure that such essentials are vigorously supervised and guarded by multiple layers of independent oversight and review.

(Tobby Simon is the Founder and President of Synergia Foundation and a Commissioner at the Global Commission on Internet Governance)

Verdict on the dance floor

Bengaluru boy DJ Nikhil Chinapa on why his experiments with melodic techno debut here first

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"The sound spectrum is changing a little bit in the specific space called melodic techno – I've been experimenting with that and have added a few Indian grunge elements into the sound to keep it more exciting and fresh," says DJ Nikhil Chinapa, who recently introduced his latest work to the city. "There's no better place than Bengaluru to experiment because these guys know their music."

Stating that the city audience understands the difference between music and mediocre music, Nikhil says. "Bengaluru has always been far less prejudiced compared to audiences across India. They listen with an open mind, whilst deciding what they like or don't like about an artiste. In most places, people come with a pre-set idea and if the artiste doesn't play accordingly, they are rubbished. Bengaluru has a broad spectrum audience, so it's always good to play there. At the same time, it's challenging because you know the audience knows their stuff."

"You get to know right away if your music appeals to the audience on the dance floor. As DJs we are constantly listening to new music and deciding what works for us, for our sound and how we want to structure ourselves," says Nikhil, adding how 'extraordinarily challenging, but also rewarding,' his chosen career is.

Sound choice

Considered the poster boy for DJing as a profession in India, Nikhil says the job requires hard work and dedication. "Like with any profession – whether it's being a world-class doctor and scientist, carpenter or Formula One race car driver – there is no such thing as overnight success. It takes a deep understanding of the skills required as well as of the equipment you'd be using."

"If you are the kind of person who can't understand life without music, if music is the only thing in the world that makes sense to you in a way Maths, Physics and Geography do, then those are the people who should become DJs," he laughs.

On a lighter note, Nikhil says when he first started, quite a few club owners thought he didn't know how to DJ. "They thought I was there as a celebrity – the MTV guy who was going to stand behind the console and wave his arms about. Back then we were playing on vinyl records, which was a completely different art form, and in my opinion, slightly tougher to play than the current digital format. I would pull out my records, put them on the turntable and play music, mixing one record after the other – that took them by surprise!" he laughs.

Talking about the city's willingness to support and nurture new talent, Nikhil says, "As eager as they are to listen to DJs from other cities, audiences in Bengaluru recognise that it's the local DJs that keep the fires burning, feeding the dance floors with fresh music and sound."

Hey Mr DJ Niikhil Chinapa and his audience on his recent visit to the city. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Water woes

The recent spate of rains in Bengaluru was also something Nikhil discussed. "The climate crisis that the planet is facing is real. Though the rains are unusual and the unplanned manner in which the city developed, made this situation inevitable, there's a lot we can do as citizens," he says.

He talks about water activist and educator Vishwanath Srikantaiah, based out of Bengaluru whose Rainwater Club is a charity he champions. "Also known as the Zenrainman on Instagram and Twitter, Vishwanath has been reviving traditional methods of rainwater harvesting and water storage in and around the city and South India as well. He advocates the cleaning up of traditional, open wells and replenishing of groundwater aquifers in the city. We need to pay attention to the depletion of groundwater across the world."

Listen, repeat, enjoy

With the Sant Andreu Jazz Band from Barcelona in the city, founder Joan Chamorro talks about why he decided to start a band

Ruth Dhanaraj

Think *Sister Act* and *Glee* minus the drama of *High School Musical*, and you have the Sant Andreu Jazz Band from Barcelona.

Joan Chamorro, a music teacher in Barcelona, began the band as a project, 16 years ago, to introduce young musicians to the wonders of classical jazz. Today, the 22-member Sant Andreu Jazz Band tours the world and was even the subject of a documentary film.

In India for the first time to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Windmills Craftworks, Joan says she regrets the whole band could not make the trip – some members are as young as seven and the travel arrangements to a foreign country would have been a logistical nightmare. "It's our first India trip and we are excited. Though only 11 of us have come, we really hope the voices of Èlia Bastida, Alba Armengou, Koldo Munné, Alba Esteban and Joan Marti shine," says Joan.

Each one, teach one

With members ranging in age from seven to 21, the band employs an unusual approach to learning music – the members coach each other, honing their mastery of the genre.

"My methodology is based on trying to improve and find the most natural way to learn this language, which is music. Listen, repeat, imitate, sing and enjoy what we do every day," says Joan. "The motivation to play in a group, to see how your classmates improvise and have fun with it, is all a part of the learning process. Make music and share it with the musicians you play with and with the public."

Joan says he was 18 when he first encountered jazz. "I was studying music, but I did not like the way it was taught. So when I began my own band, we started with jazz from the beginning," says the 59-year-old, who plays the saxophone, clarinet and double bass.

Melody and miracles

Apart from classics by Nina Simone and Julie London, the Sant Andreu Jazz Band also has swing, bebop, soul and Latino music in their repertoire.

"Music is powerful," says Joan, recounting how the mother of a child with ADD waited to meet him after their concert. "She told me her son found it difficult to stay still for more than a few minutes. Yet, he remained entranced by our young performers on stage for over an hour. It was nothing short of miraculous for her."

The Sant Andreu Jazz band will be playing at Windmills on September 23, 24 and 25 from 9.30pm. For tickets go to https://windmills-india.com/#music

Catch 'em young Joan Chamorro and the Sant Andreu Jazz Band (above). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Release ready and nowhere to show

The Kannada film industry faces a problem of plenty and poor management where releases are concerned

Muralidhara Khajane

One of the best things about the festival season in India is the barrage of movies released around that time. However, for the Kannada film industry, this problem of plenty results in films being released in a haphazard manner – much to the woe of small budget movie makers. It is the practice for big-time producers to block release dates in advance, while those with humbler means struggle for publicity.

With the advent of new digital filmmaking technology and the streaming films, it is challenging to regularise and streamline releases. A leading filmmaker, who spoke on condition of anonymity said, "Most production houses want to collect as much revenue as possible in the first week itself by releasing their films in as many theatres as possible."

They also serve ... Who wait outside the cinema. SUDHAKARA JAIN

***friday*Review**

As a fallout of this unstructured method of releasing movies, only five big-budget movies of the 110 films released in the last eight months succeeded at the box office, says NR Nanjunde Gowda, president of Karnataka Film Directors' Association.

The problem is not unique to Kannada cinema; it is a pan-Indian phenomenon. To counter this, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi movie producers, announce the release date on the day of the *muhurtam* (the first shot).

However, filmmakers in Karnataka still announce the release date only after the completion of the film, making it tougher for films made on a shoestring-to-moderate budget to fix the dates of their releases.

The Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) has formed a committee, roping in former KFCC presidents to formulate a plan for the release of films.

"Over 200 films have been lined up for release till December. A proper release formula will help every kind of producer," says Praveen Kumar M, president Karnataka Film Producers' Association (KFPA).

STEPOUT

Narration through movement

Bhoomija will present *Āhuti*, a collaboration between Nrityagram and The Chitrasena Dance Company (Sri Lanka). Choreographed by Surupa Sen, Heshma Wignaraja is the associate choreographer, while the music for *Āhuti* is composed by Raghunath Panigrahi. Tickets, priced ₹500 onwards, are available on bookmyshow.com.

Āhuti will be staged at Chowdiah Memorial Hall on September 25 at 7pm.

Explore Araku with a Nordic menu

Chef Matthew Orlando of Amass, Copenhagen, is in Bengaluru with Chef Rahul Sharma. Following their Road to Roots journey to Araku Valley, the two chefs will prepare a hush-hush menu where zero-waste cooking and repurposing of leftover ingredients will result in inventive recipes. Tickets are available on Insider.in

The dinner is on at Araku Cafe, Indiranagar at 7pm, on September 24

On stage

Delhi's Pierrot's Troupe stages two comedies, *Ghalib in New Delhi*, and *Akbar The Great Nahin Rahe* at Ranga Shankara, on September 25 at 3.30pm and 7.30pm, respectively. The Kannada version of Mahesh Dattani's *Dance Like a Man, Nali Purushanante*, will be staged at Kalagrama, Malathahalli, at 7.30pm on September 24. There will be repeat shows on October 1 and 2 at KH Kalasoudha, Hanumanthanagar; and on October 6 at Ranga Shankara. Imbroglio Production, in association with Delhi Public School, presents *Disney High School Musical Jr*, on September 24 at 2.30pm and 6.30pm at Dayananda Sagar Auditorium, Kumaraswamy Layout.

NEEV Lit fest is back

The annual Neev Literature Festival (NLF), which celebrates children's books, will be back physically after being online for the last two years due to the pandemic. The festival features over 92 sessions with over 60 speakers enlightening young minds on topics ranging from climate change to writing from conflict zones.

The festival will be held at the Neev Academy Campus, Yemalur, on September 24 and 25.

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INBRIEF

Non-functional dialysis centres: Members vent ire

MLAs cutting across the party lines on Thursday expressed their ire against the non-functioning of dialysis centres in the government taluk hospitals across the State and sought immediate steps for resuming services. During the question hour in the House, Mane Srinivas ánd R. Narendra (both Congress), Venkatarao Nadagouda and K.L. Shivalinge Gowda (both JD-S), and Poornima Krishnappa (BJP) raised the issue.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare K. Sudhakar said B.R. Shetty's Group had gone financially bankrupt and there were problems in the delivery of service in many dialysis centres in taluk hospitals run by it. Services would be restored in two months by calling fresh tenders for hiring an agency to run centres.

Bill exempts limit for mutual transfer of teachers

The Karnataka State Civil Services (Regulation of Transfer of Teachers) (Amendment) Bill, 2022, was adopted in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday. The Bill exempts the limit prescribed for mutual transfers and transfers made under special categories in the Kalyana Karnataka region and Malnad region and educationally backward districts as per the Nanjundappa Committee Report. The Bill said mutual transfer to a place within or outside the unit subject to the condition that both teachers have completed a minimum five years of service in the cadre or must have minimum five years of leftover service.

Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh *(in picture)* tabled the Bill and it said in case of lecturer of pre-university college or composite junior college, the transfer should be permitted not more than once in service, subject to the condition that lecturer of PU college or composite junior college should have completed a minimum seven years of service or must have minimum five years of leftover service.

JD(S) begins dharna in House seeking Ashwath Narayan's resignation

Party leader H.D. Kumaraswamy accuses the Minister of helping private people gain control of BMS Charitable Educational Trust which has property worth crores in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Opposition Janata Dal (Secular) members on Thursday commenced a dharna in the Legislative Assembly demanding the resignation of Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan and an inquiry against him for clearing a proposal that allegedly resulted in private hands getting a stronghold in the prestigious BMS Charitable Educational Trust that has property worth thousands of crores in Bengaluru city.

Making a point: Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

Raising the issue in the House, JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy alleged that the donor trustee of the trust, which was set up solely with a service motive, had approached him in 2018 when he was the Chief Minister, seeking clearance from the government to the resolution by the trust to change its original deed. Trust's donor member Ragini Narayan not only wanted to appoint a lifetime trustee but also give him the power to appoint his successor, Mr. Kumaraswamy said, while pointing out that he had rejected it on the grounds that it was not in the public interest. However, after the collapse of his government, then Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Narayan, who held the Higher Education portfolio, had cleared the proposal and forwarded it to then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa who too gave his approval. This clearance had been given despite the government's trustee and IAS office Manjula opposing the changes sought by the trust, he said.

Sharing of seats

It resulted in real estate businessman B. Dayanand Pai becoming the lifetime trustee, Mr. Kumaraswamy said, and alleged that subsequently both Ms. Narayan and Mr. Pai had entered into an agreement to share the seats in various professional colleges being run by the trust on a 50:50 ratio.

Pointing out that the trust, which had got public contribution as well as government land, had property worth more than ₹10,000 crore, he expressed fear that its land might be misused now with private hands gaining prominence.

He alleged that the seat-sharing agreement had been finalised with Mr. Pai after the Minister had ordered an inquiry into the violation of norms by the trust. But suspiciously, the inquiry had not begun at all, he said.

Minister defends

Dr. Narayan strongly defended the decision to allow the trust's resolution to make changes in the original deed by maintaining that it would not alter the nature of the trust and that the legal opinion by the Advocate General also favoured it. He termed the allegations by Mr. Kumaraswamy as part of political vendetta.

This enraged the JD(S) members who trooped into the well of the House and commenced a dharna seeking the Minister's resignation. Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri adjourned the House for the day as the session was at the fag end of the day. However, the protesting members announced that they would continue their dharna throughout the night in the House, but changed their decision after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and several of his ministerial colleagues convinced them otherwise.

Later, Mr. Kumaraswamy told mediapersons that they would resume their dharna as soon as the House meets on Friday.

'PayCM' campaign: Govt. for policy to end 'mocking' of constitutional heads

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

Even as the ruling BJP and Opposition Congress members indulged in a verbal duel in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council on Thursday on the 'PayCM' posters campaign in Bengaluru, against the alleged corruption of the government, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy spoke of the need for a policy intervention to "put an end to constitutional functionaries being mocked".

In a reply to the issue raised by P. Rajeev (BJP) during Zero Hour, Mr. Madhuswamy said, "It is a tragedy that we have to see a Chief Minister being brought to such a situation and such things can happen to anyone irrespective of the party." Posters with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's face on a QR code titled 'PayCM' were spotted in a few places in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Five people associated with the Congress have been arrested in connection with it, which the party has strongly taken exception to.

In the Assembly, Mr. Madhuswamy said, "We cannot allow CMs, Governors, and others to be mocked like this." Arguing for curbs on audiovisual content, Mr. Madhuswamy cited his own example. "My phone conversation was recorded and leaked. It's like we should not even answer calls fearing they will be recorded." He further said, "We are in public life. Who will benefit from such mud-slinging?"

Charge against Cong.

Earlier, Mr. Rajeev said the 'PayCM' posters were part of "a Congress-sponsored" campaign, which caused a verbal duel in the House. Mr. Rajeev began reading out Priyank Kharge's (Congress) reported statement claiming ownership of the campaign.

Taking exception to the charge, Krishna Byre Gowda (Congress) said the party was ready to face legal action and some had already been arrested in the case.

Congress leaders take exception to midnight arrest of party members

Mr. Bommai, who was present in the House when Mr. Rajeev raised the issue, chose not to respond, leaving the floor to Mr. Madhuswamy to reply.

In Council

In the Legislative Council, the arrest of Congress members caused multiple adjournments and more than a half day's business was washed out after Congress members staged a protest in the well. Soon after the House resumed, Leader of the Opposition B.K. Hariprasad condemned the midnight arrest of Congress workers and asked why similar action had not been taken when posters of Congress leaders had surfaced in the past.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said the law was the same for all. Chairman Raghunath Rao Malkapure adjourned the House for a while and when it resumed the war of words between BJP and Congress members continued. Congress members held posters against the government and BJP members held posters against alleged irregularities during the Congress regime.

Modified land-grabbing prohibition Bill adopted

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Thursday adopted the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2022, in a modified form.

The adoption of the Bill, which seeks to keep farmers out of the ambit of stringent norms related to land-grabbing, including initiating criminal proceedings, had been delayed by a day when it came up in the House on Wednesday following a suggestion by the members to revise it.

The revised Bill seeks to amend the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Act, 2011, to avoid criminal proceedings against farmers who have encroached government land in rural areas by excluding all the places from the purview of this Act except the places within the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, city corporations, city and town municipal councils. Earlier, the Bill had sought to keep the stringent provisions of the Act in abeyance in all areas except in the limits of the BBMP and city corporations.

Nagesh's promise to change shrine name in textbook flayed

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Karnataka Komu Souharda Vedike has opposed Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh's statement earlier in the week assuring the Legislative Council that the word 'Bababudangiri' would be replaced in school textbooks with 'Datta Peetha' in a lesson on the syncretic shrine in Chikkamagaluru.

K.L. Ashok, convener of the vedike, in a statement, said the Minister's statement was "incorrect" considering the historical records pertaining to the place. "We have enough documents, including government records, to show that the place is 'Sri Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swamy Dargah'. The Minister has given such a statement without going through the records," he said. The historical records show that erstwhile Mysuru rulers had given three villages – Sarvamanya Suruguppe, Nagenahalli alias Jannat Nagar and Inam Dattatreya Peetha – as gifts (Inam) for the maintenance of Bababudan Dargah. Hence 'Inam Dattatreya Peetha' is the name of a village, not the shrine venerated by both Hindus and Muslims alike, he contended.

As economy revives, CM expects more revenue

The Hindu Bureau
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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who also holds the Finance portfolio, told the Assembly on Thursday that Karnataka was expected to receive more revenue in 2022-23 than expected following revival of the economy in the post-COVID-19 period. He said the State had received compensation of ₹8,633 crore under the GST in the last six months and another ₹6,000 crore was expected soon after the audit of the accounts by the Centre.

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No.EE/RI/TEC/TEND/16/2022-23 Date:22.09.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)(Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-TEC Division invites tenders from eligible contractors for providing services detailed in the table below:

Consultancy Services for Construction, Supervision, Project Management Consultancy and Quality Control for the work of "Comprehensive Development of arterial, sub arterial and Major Connecting Roads in various Assembly Constituency.

Sl. No.	Name of Assignment	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	PMC for Rajajinagar Constituency RI West-Zone-WZ 2022-23 (Package-05)	50,000/-
2	PMC for Malleshwaram Constituency RI West-Zone-WZ 2022-23 (Package-06)	60,000/-
3	PMC for Mahalakshmi Layout Constituency RI West-Zone-WZ 2022-23 (Package-06)	25,000/-

1) Downloading of RFP documents from e-procurement portal from **23.09.2022 onwards. 2)** Pre-bid Meeting : **29.09.2022 at 4.00 p.m. 3)** Last date for submission of bid documents: **07.10.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. 4)** Opening of Technical bids: **10.10.2022 after 4:00 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Road Infrastructure-TEC Division

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IFT No. EE/MI & GWD D/KAL/PB-3/2022-23/2736 Dated : 21-09-2022

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-3&4) ::

1) Detail of work: THE EXEUCTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR K.K.R.D.B. MICRO, S.C.P. & 4702-APB WORKS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23, 2) Amount of Estimate: Min. Rs. 62,89,886.12 Max. Rs. 169,28,123.68, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-1, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount : Tender Fee As per e-portal E.M.D. Min. Rs. 1,25,800.00 Max. Rs. 2,55,000.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 30-09-2022 Upto 11.00 Hours, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 01-10-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: 03-10-2022 Up to 11.00 Hours, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 06-10-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 9) Addl. information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal : www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/Kalaburagi/649/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

Government of Karnataka
Assistant Commissioner and Special Land Acquisition Officer, (National Highway Zone Kalaburagi), YadgiriSub-division, Mini Vidhansoudha, Yadgiri

Telephone No.08473-253311 e-mail:acyadgir@gmail.com

No.REV/LAQ/NH/01/2022-23, Dated :20-09-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National HighwaysAct, 1956 (48 of 1956), the Ministry Of Road Transport And Highways, Central Government vide Notification Dated: 16.08.2022 declared the intention to acquire the land for building of National Highway No. 150 in the stretch ofland from Km. 70.900 to Km. 79.650 (Gulbarga-Wadi-Yadgir Section) in the district of Yadgir in the state ofkarnataka. The same is here with Published for Public Notice as per the sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act.It is also informed not to carry outPurchase or Sale, Amortization, Any other documentation and Any Development works in respect of Lands notified under the Schedule of the afore said notification.

Sd/-(Shalam Hussain, KAS)
Assistant Commissioner and Special Land Acquisition Officer, (National Highway Zone Kalaburagi), YadgiriSub-division, Mini Vidhansoudha, Yadgiri

DIP.Yadagiri/249/MCA/2022-23

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No. 417, Pantheon Road, Chennai - 600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259.
Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in, E-mail: mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Sealed Tenders are invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, TNMSC Ltd., from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria in the tender document for the supply of **Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Quadrivalent)** to TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Limited under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance.

Tender Reference No.	019/M(P)AH1N1/ TNMSC/2022, Dated.23.09.2022
Tender Document Sale Period	23.09.2022 to 01.10.2022
Last Date and Time for receipt of tender	03.10.2022 upto 11.00 AM
Date and time of opening	03.10.2022 at 11.30 AM

The tender document can be downloaded from the websites of **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** and **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** on free of cost.

DIPR/ 4226 /TENDER/2022

General Manager (Drugs)

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

R.RANGASWAMY (79), Retired Junior Engineer (Composing), The Hindu, Chennai. Passed away on 20-09-2022. Address: Plot No: 3, 19th Street, Sowmiya Nagar, Perumbakkam, Chennai-600100. Contact: 9176486911

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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Eleventh Death Anniversary on 23.09.2022

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Tales of war: Family members share stories of Mysore Lancers from the Battle of Haifa

Mysore Lancers, a personal force of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, played a key role in the liberation of Haifa

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Chander Rao Sindhe was a part of Mysore Lancers and fought in the Haifa War, and (right) some of the medals he received.

Every year, on September 23, Haifa Day is commemorated by the Indian Army to remember the two Indian cavalry brigades who fought under British General Edmund Allenby to liberate the Israeli city Haifa from the Turkish-German forces in 1918, during World War I.

The Mysore Lancers, a personal force of the then Maharaja of Mysore, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, and headed by his brother-in-law Colonel Desraj Urs, also played a key role in rescuing Abdul Baha, the spiritual leader of the Bahai community. In this spirit, The Mysore Lancers' Heritage Foundation has organised a two-day celebration of the 104th Haifa Day in the city on Friday.

Ahead of these celebrations, *The Hindu* spoke to the descendants of those who fought in the Haifa battle.

From a newly married soldier's wish to come back to his young wife, to the struggle for food and water in the desert, some interesting stories were uncovered in the conversations.

Parashuram Singh was a sepoy in the Mysore Lancers and was deployed to the Haifa War just three months after his wedding. When he was injured, he was mistaken to be dead and was pushed into a pile of dead bodies, said Anupama Singh, his brother's daughter-in-law.

Continuing the story, she said: "He had a picture of goddess Chamundeshwari in his pocket. As he was scared, he took it in his hand and prayed to her to send him back home safely as his wife was waiting for him. Soon after, someone noticed that his hands were moving and pulled him aside and got him medical help. He safely came back home after that."

Ms. Singh also said that the battalion had the ritual of visiting Gundu Muneshwara temple in R.T. Nagar before marching off to war.

In Pandu Ranga Rao's family, four people were in the Mysore Lancers. His grandfather Chander Rao Sindhe (Jamedar), his two younger brothers Krishan Rao Sindhe and Govind Rao Sindhe and his son-in-law Mahadev Rao Bhonsle (Dafedar) left home in 1914 for World War I and came back only in 1919-20.

"In 1917, Govind Rao got injured and a few bullets went into his legs and chest. He had to come back from there. Apart from this, I have also heard a few other stories from my grandmother. While traveling during the war, their ships used to get attacked by whales. To divert these whales, they used to keep stock of fodder bags in the ships," Mr. Rao narrated.

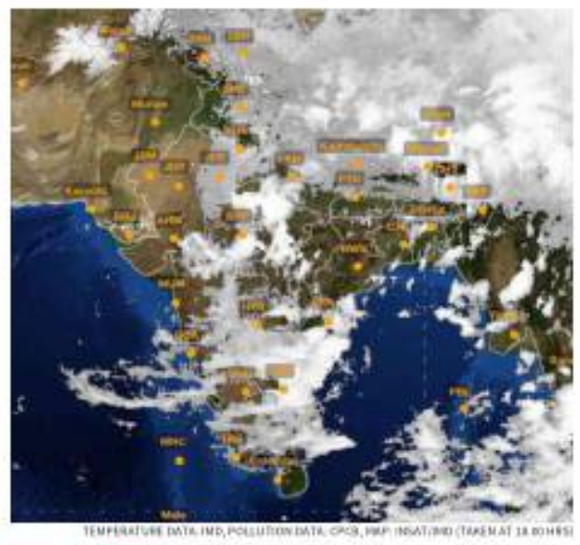
Pampa Urs, a fourth-generation descendant, has also heard several stories about her maternal ancestors taking part in the war. "My mother's grandfather Colonel Chame Urs was leading a group in the war. His son-in-law Captain Lingaraj Urs died in the same war. After receiving all this information from my mother, due to my personal interests, I am further exploring evidence from that age and getting confirmations of these tales".

Exhibition

While a wreath-laying ceremony will take place on Friday morning at the Mysore Lancers' Memorial in J.C. Nagar, in the evening, a memorial lecture, and an exhibition of rare paintings and exploits of the Lancers will be organised at BMSCE auditorium in Basavangudi.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT-3RD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over east Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Bihar, and west Madhya Pradesh. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	4	34.8	26.2	Kozhikode	—	34.2	25.0
Ahmedabad	—	32.8	25.1	Kurnool	—	32.6	24.5
Aizawl	—	—	21.2	Lucknow	0.4	32.8	27.0
Allahabad	—	33.8	25.8	Madurai	—	38.4	23.6
Bengaluru	—	28.9	19.1	Mangaluru	0.6	29.8	22.4
Bhopal	3.9	27.3	22.2	Mumbai	0.4	25.1	23.4
Bhubaneswar	4.9	33.7	25.3	Mysuru	—	30.8	20.4
Chandigarh	51.6	30.4	24.0	New Delhi	.6	28.0	23.8
Chennai	—	36.9	27.7	Patna	0.1	34.1	27.1
Coimbatore	—	33.0	22.4	Port Blair	.2	31.1	24.2
Dehradun	59	28.7	22.6	Puducherry	—	36.7	25.6
Gangtok	3	23.2	18.2	Pune	—	29.4	20.7
Goa	—	30.7	23.6	Raipur	—	30.8	24.3
Guwahati	—	34.6	26.2	Ranchi	—	30.7	22.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	18.0	Shillong	—	26.2	17.4
Hyderabad	—	26.2	23.0	Shimla	31.2	22.0	14.7
Imphal	—	30.6	19.5	Srinagar	—	29.6	13.3
Jaipur	—	29.8	25.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.5	24.5
Kochi	0.2	30.6	24.6	Tiruchi	—	36.3	25.6
Kohima	—	27.0	17.2	Vijayawada	—	31.6	26.2
Kolkata	12	34.1	26.6	Visakhapatnam	—	31.2	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	23	39	14	34	72	
Bengaluru	7	24	46	53	156	
Chennai	3	34	109	82	75	
Delhi	8	30	51	83	103	
Hyderabad	7	4	30	117	92	
Kolkata	11	25	17	45	48	
Lucknow	6	46	65	68	75	
Mumbai	9	54	96	54	81	
Pune	—	28	69	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	17	45	30	77	104	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 184 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Kochi, Kerala recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease.

SC reserves judgment in hijab case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on September 22 reserved its judgment in a batch of petitions challenging the prohibition on Muslim students from wearing hijab in classrooms in Karnataka.

A Bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia wrapped up the case for verdict after hearing the arguments presented by lawyers for petitioner-students and the State for 10 days.

Rahul's message to Gehlot: one man, one post in Congress

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The commitment of "one man, one post" that was adopted as part of the Udaipur Declaration needs to be honoured, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said on Thursday.

His comment comes a day after Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had asserted that he doesn't need to step down from his Chief Minister post to contest the Congress presidential poll.

Mr. Gandhi's position makes it clear that Mr. Gehlot will have to give up his chief ministership if he gets elected as the next Congress president.

Interacting with the media in Kochi, the former Congress chief said Opposition parties should come together to fight the financial and institutional powers and the violent ideology of the BJP and the RSS.

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E-Procurement Notice

Bid document No.: OMC/S&M/Tender/GDMN/01 Dated: 22.09.2022

1	Work Name	Hiring of machineries along with required manpower, POL & O&M for preparation of Stacks as per OMPTS (Amendment) Rules, 2021 at Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines (Block -A & B) in Keonjhar District, Odisha.
2	Availability of tender documents on the e-tendering portal of Government of Odisha	Date : 23.09.2022; Time : 5.00 PM
3.	Last date for submission of Queries	Date : 29.09.2022; Time : 05.00 PM
4.	Pre-bid Meeting Dates	Date : 30.09.2022; Time: 3.30 PM through MS Teams
5.	Uploading of revised document	Date : 01.10.2022; Time : 5.30 PM
6.	Bid Due Date	Date : 11.10.2022 ; Time : 5.00 PM
7.	Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	Date : 11.10.2022 ; Time : 5.30 PM
8.	Opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the Technically Qualified Bidders
9.	Tender Paper Fee (non-refundable including GST	Rs.11,800/- (Rs 10,000.00+18% GST) Payable online on the e-tender portal of Government of Odisha (www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
10	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Amount: INR. 18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs only) Payable online on the e-tender portal of Government of Odisha (www.tendersodisha.gov.in)

All other details can be seen from the Tender Document available on the e-procurement portal of the Government of Odisha (www.tendersodisha.gov.in) and on the website of OMC (www.omcltd.in). OMC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
GM (S&M)

CAD-1921: OIPR-30005/11/0131/2223

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Dates to Apply 21-09-22 to 05-10-22

Contact : **9446013866, 9995427802** tinyurl.com/Mtech2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Storm Water Drain-West Zone, BBMP 9th Floor, Shopping Complex, 4th Block Jayanagara, Bengaluru - 560 011.

No: EE/SWD/WEST/TEND/04/2022-23 Date: 22.09.2022

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only) **(Two Cover System)**

The Executive Engineer, SWD - West Zone, BBMP Bengaluru invites tenders for the work of providing project management consultancy services for construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control Tests, Carrying Out pre and post levels for the work for the following works form eligible registered / reputed consulting firms. .

Sl No.	Name of the Works	Project Est. Cost (₹.in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1	Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC Service) for the Package work of "Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Drains, Culverts/ Bridges & all Allied works of SWD spread out at Mahalaxmi Layout Assembly Constituency of West Zone Under GOK Grant of 2022-23 (Action Plan- 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 & 69) **(Package-1)**	2000.00	50,000/-
2	Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC Service) for the Package work of "Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Drains, Culverts/ Bridges & all other Allied works of SWD spread out at various locations in Gandhinagara Assembly Constituency of West Zone Under GOK Grant of 2022-23 (Action Plan- 70, 71, 72, 73,74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 & 86) **(Package-2)**	2500.00	50,000/-
3	Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC Service) for the Package work of "Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Drains, Culverts/ Bridges & all other Allied works of SWD spread out at various locations in Malleshwaram Assembly Constituency of West Zone Under GOK Grant of 2022-23 (Action Plan- 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 & 94) **(Package-3)**	3000.00	60,000/-
4	Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC Service) for the Package work of "Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Drains, Culverts/ Bridges & all Allied works of SWD spread out at Chamarajapete Assembly Constituency of West Zone Under GOK Grant of 2022-23 (Action Plan- 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 & 101) **(Package-4 & 5)**	2000.00	50,000/-
5	Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC Service) for the Package work of "Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Drains, Culverts/ Bridges & all other Allied works of SWD spread out at various locations in Rajajinagara Assembly Constituency of West Zone Under GOK Grant of 2022-23 (Action Plan- 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 & 115) **(Package-6)**	2100.00	42,000/-
6	Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC Service) for the Package work of "Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Drains, Culverts/ Bridges & all other Allied works of SWD spread out at various locations in Govindarjanagara Assembly Constituency of West Zone Under GOK Grant of 2022-23 (Action Plan- 118 & 124, 117, 123 & 125) **(Package-7, 8)**	2400.00	48,000/-
7	Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC Service) for the Package work of "Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Drains, Culverts/ Bridges & all other Allied works of SWD spread out at various locations in Govindarjanagara Assembly Constituency of West Zone Under GOK Grant of 2022-23 (Action Plan- 119, 116, 122, 129,127, 128, 120, 121 & 126) **(Package-9, 10, 11)**	3100.00	62,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) RFP documents may be downloaded from the e-proc website from **24.09.2022** at **4:00 pm** onwards. (2) Pre-bid meeting date on **26.09.2022** from **4:00** pm. (3) Last Date for Receipt of tender documents is **01.10.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bids is on **03.10.2022** at **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or the website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer - SWD West Zone

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/AEE(O)/2022-23/6293-94 Date: 21.09.2022

Brief Tender Notification (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the various Civil Works in Hoody Division through e-procurement mode only.

The detailed notification regarding participating in the tenders can be got by logging **on or after 23.09.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned .

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Tr(M), BMAZ, South Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09, Phone: 080-22386686/85.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. DIVISION, GADAG.
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E.Mail : eepwdgad@gmail.com

No: EEPWDGDG PB:Time Extension :2022-23: 3051 Date : 21-09-2022

Time Extension for Tender Notification

The Calendar of Events for 5 works notified under this office tender notification No: 2719 Dated : 5-9-2022 (W.I. 155954, 155949, 155952, & 156442) out of **5** Works **04** Works calendar events have been extended as follows (a) Last Date for Clarification up to : **26-09-2022**, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **30-09-2022** (c) Opening of Technical/Financial Bid Date : **01-10-2022** (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **03-10-2022**

DIPR/Gadag/MCA/326/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Gadag.**

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Internal democracy

The ECI is right in rejecting the notion of 'leader for life' in political parties

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has rejected the idea of a 'permanent president' for a party, while taking issue with the Yuvajana Shramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), which rules Andhra Pradesh. The party reportedly elected Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy as its president for life in July 2022. The ECI says such a step is inherently anti-democratic. The YSRCP's response to the ECI's letters sent earlier, that it will conduct an "internal enquiry", borders on the absurd. There is merit in the ECI's view and its insistence on internal democracy, as no individual should be elected leader for life. Any party that participates in a democratic process, and wants to govern and legislate, should include formal and periodic election of office-bearers as part of the way it functions as an association. Indian political parties are of myriad kinds – some, such as the Bharatiya Janata Party or the Communist parties, are structured, cadre-based organisations that function towards an ideological goal or a principle; others, such as the Congress, are more loosely structured collections of individuals with even different strands of opinion but functioning within an association that has core ideals; some others still reflect social or regional cleavages and so on.

Increasingly, the fragmentation of India's polity into a federalised, multi-party system has also given way to domination by "charismatic" individuals or their families, mainly because of the nature of support that these parties enjoy or due to their financing structures which necessitates centralised control by a single coterie or a family. This is why several political parties today do not insist on thoroughgoing internal elections to secure their leadership; and even if they do conduct polls, they lack sufficient contestation and are done to reaffirm the dominance of the high command. In some cases, with electoral politics being a zero-sum game, political parties are loath to allow internal contest, fearing that this could foster disunity, as opposed to nomination and consensus-building on leadership. The ECI has periodically used guidelines issued for registration of parties under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 to remind parties to conduct elections and to ensure that their leadership is renewed, changed or re-elected every five years. But the commission does not have any statutory power to enforce internal democracy in parties or to mandate elections. The lack of such substantive power only leads to parties carrying out the ECI's edicts in a mechanical manner. However, with dynasticism and a lack of internal democracy becoming a matter of public debate, perhaps public pressure would finally bear upon parties to do the right thing.

Managing sports

Administrators seem reluctant to accept the National Sports Code

When sports administrators make news, it is often not for the right reasons. These past few months, India's sports administrators have been in the news far too frequently. Rarely does a day end before one of them is pulled up by the court, another is forced to resign or yet another stakes claim to a post. In the latest instance, the sports official to hit the headlines has been Anil Khanna, who resigned on Wednesday as the acting-president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). He had assumed charge after Narinder Batra was forced to quit in July. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has made it clear that it would not recognise any acting/interim president of the IOA. The IOC is not pleased that the long-pending elections to the IOA have not been held and has even threatened India with serious consequences. The IOC could ban India if the elections are not held by December. Then, Indian athletes would not be able to represent the country in events, including the Olympic Games, and India would not be able to receive funds from the IOC. Only a month ago, the Gokulam Kerala football team found out what happens when such a ban is enforced. The players had to return from Uzbekistan, where they had gone to take part in the AFC Women's Club Championship. That was because the world football governing body FIFA had banned the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

The ban has since been lifted and the AIFF has conducted its elections. But there are other sports, such as hockey and table tennis, that continue to be run by the court-appointed committees of administrators. The main reason behind the messy state of affairs in India's sports administration at the moment is the reluctance of the officials, across sports bodies, to accept the National Sports Development Code of India, introduced by the central government in 2011. Its intention was noble. By putting a limit to the tenure and age of an administrator, it had the potential to stop sports federations from remaining as the personal fiefdoms of a few, many of them politicians. At a time when Indian sport is showing more promise than it ever did before – the Tokyo Olympics, the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, the Thomas Cup and the Chess Olympiad have shown that the country has more to offer than just cricket – the administration needs to get its act together. The incumbents should gracefully make way for new administrators with fresh ideas and also allow more former international sportspersons in key administrative posts.

A census is not about counting sheep

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Among the best uses of a census anywhere in the world was perhaps what happened in the United States when, in 1850 and 1860, anti-slavery campaigners used numbers from two consecutive national censuses to build support for the abolition of slavery. They showed the number of enslaved people in the U.S. to be rising – contrary to arguments made by pro-slavery politicians. There have been numerous instances of such revelations using the census.

A case of the missing census

India's first Census was held in 1872, conducted non-synchronously in different parts of the country. After that, India has held its decadal censuses regularly from 1881 to 2011, despite diseases, world wars, Partition and other instances of turmoil. Citing COVID-19 as an excuse for its postponement now runs thin, as the Government thought it fit to allow large election rallies in the middle of a deadly second wave of the pandemic, that was criminally mismanaged. But there is no tradition of anyone being answerable and explaining why the largest democracy, once held in awe for its ability to make its people count regularly, is not doing so now. As there is no official reassurance that India will not skip its decadal Census, we can declare that we have a case of the missing census.

The best of sample surveys find it impossible to beat a census. It carries the promise of counting each and every Indian. The Government could junk, for the first time, a survey recording falling consumption expenditures in 2017-18, and get away with it. A census is when the state connects to every individual and it will find it hard to hide or duck from the data. Finding out age, gender, economic status, religion and languages spoken yields information of another order, making it a treasure trove of findings and providing pathways for planning and resolving problems, and fixing deficiencies.

Censuses in India – well before the term Big Data became commonplace – have provided great amounts of reliable numbers over time. They enable neat, inter-temporal comparability to where India stands *vis-à-vis* its own record. Important metrics such as the sharp decline in the gender ratio in India between the Censuses of 1961 and 1971 alerted Indians to how pre and post-natal factors were reflecting the 'son bias' and leading people to murder girls, born and unborn.

Some unfounded ideas, flowing from bigotry and prejudice, have been slayed by Census headcounts. Consider the data-free assertion that India is heading for a population explosion due to Muslim reproductive rates. This has been systematically taken down due to census data. The Census established that the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) is coming down at a very rapid pace and is well on its way to stabilisation. The fall in TFR among Muslims is faster than in any community. The differences in TFR across India have more to do with region and socio-economic indicators, and not religion or caste. The 2011 Census also dispelled the notion of divorce rate differentials between city and rural India. The urban divorce rate (0.89%) is almost equal to the rural rate (0.82%).

Contentious issues

Well before the novel coronavirus pandemic, the Census was entangled in a battle when thousands took to the streets and bitter protests broke out. The turning of the Census into a gateway for a nation-wide, contentious National Register of Citizens (NRC), with the names of 'genuine citizens' of India made a headcount issue to be one of attempting to revisit who was an Indian and who was not. The Census, if conducted along with the preparation of a National Population Register, a register of all the usual residents which includes citizens and non-citizens, suddenly began to be seen "as the first step towards [the] creation of [a] National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) by verifying the citizenship status of every usual resident" – this is exactly what the Union government said in an official release on November 26, 2014. Along with large sections of the citizenry insecure about their ability to provide the right paperwork, several State Assemblies issued resolutions that they would not conduct a census loaded with questions not asked before. The experience of the NRC in Assam severely damaged trust in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) nationwide. Despite its completion, the NRC has been deemed by the BJP as not being the 'right' list. That it would be a bad faith exercise till some idea of a right list is eventually arrived at is a valid concern.

The BJP has been wary of assertive demands for a caste census. The Census has often been key to the formation and affirmation of identities over time. But there is now official squeamishness about recording identities that want to be counted and identified. India had its last caste census in 1931. In 2011, after the last general census, a socio-economic and caste census was conducted. But while other data were finalised and published, it conveniently excluded the caste data citing several reasons. It is clear that the disparity between caste groups and the privileges they enjoy versus their numbers in the population may be so stark that it may upend the BJP's Hindutva applecart which talks of adjustment but wants a complete abandonment of the social justice plank.

Relentless data gathering

The Democratic Republic of the Congo completed the second census in its history this year, the previous census having taken place in 1984. The ability to hold a census peacefully, and not coercively, has been the hallmark of a civilised state and state of affairs. It would speak volumes if India were to join the ranks of some other countries which have been without a census since 1990; they include Afghanistan (1979), Lebanon (1932), Somalia (1985), Uzbekistan (1989), and the Western Sahara (1970). Pakistan took nearly 20 years to conduct a census after the one in 1998. It managed one in 2017. The gap spoke of its dysfunction and inabilities, and also of no desire to hear the truth that the facts thrown up would convey.

The census is vital and precious as it is a repository of complete data about the country which is gathered openly, voluntarily, and with the use of public money, making it a social good. It is not as if the Government of India does not want data. Even as it has made the future of the Census a state secret, its drive to gather and vacuum the data of its citizens for its own purposes has been on and without a framework of rules and rights to govern the process of sucking up citizen data.

A law now allows electoral rolls to be linked with Aadhaar. It may not be compulsory but it potentially allows very sensitive data of citizens to be available to the state. The drive to gather data has been relentless. The Ministry of Home Affairs has just notified the Criminal Procedure (Identification) Rules, 2022, even as two High courts are hearing the challenge to the Act. Controversial, these rules outline the procedure for taking of body measurements (it enables enforcement agencies to collect biological samples, retina scan, biometrics and behavioural attributes of convicted, arrested or detained persons). This data hunger sits in perfect contrast to events surrounding the Personal Data Protection Bill 2019. The right to privacy was declared a fundamental right by the Supreme Court of India in 2017. But, ironically, the fifth anniversary of this landmark ruling was marked more by delays to a data protection law for citizens, as the draft Bill was abruptly withdrawn. That too, after hours of deliberation and suggestions for 81 changes. All in all, the missing Census is accompanied by extensive desire to mine the data of citizens, not in a way that offers them any benefits or security, but just goes onto make their relationship with the government more asymmetrical.

The Census is about many things. But, fundamentally, it is a way in which the state, by knocking at all doors, displays its desire to connect with the people who ultimately comprise the nation. It is no wonder that Vikram Seth's classic, *A Suitable Boy*, set in 1951, makes space for the census enumerator. It must be made a priority and used to affirm a sense of comradeship. A census is not about counting sheep and the Government cannot be allowed to sleep at the wheel.

K.K. MUSTAFAH

The Census in India is about many things – it must be made a priority and used to affirm a sense of comradeship

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The redesign

I was happy to receive and read the 'bold and the beautiful' *The Hindu* in its new *avatar*. I dare to offer a suggestion: is there any way to avoid underlining some of the headings and straplines?

Antony Manoharan,
Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu

The new look is indeed clear, sharp and bold — a change that was overdue. The earlier look was dignified but a bit subdued and understated as the headings in other newspapers caught the eye quicker. I agree that *The Hindu* is now easier to navigate. "Direct straightforward display, bolder typefaces and visuals" were also evident. But we have yet to see the "larger photos and graphics", as mentioned by world-renowned master designer Mario Garcia. A few other newspapers have till now scored over *The Hindu* in terms of infographics and imaginative visuals. We also look forward to the daily's photographers capturing the excitement and the vibrancy of life in India. "A sense of hierarchy across each page", and stories that will "lead you to digital content you should not miss" are claims that seem a trifle exaggerated. But I assume they are statements of intent. "Clutter-free content" is not always easy to achieve on a page with a medley of advertisements and stories of different sizes. The front-page 'promos' of the content are indeed larger, bolder and more attractive. There were some issues with the Editorial page on the launch day, in terms of the typeface size of the articles. One could nitpick a little more, but on the whole, the new-look *The Hindu* is better-looking and more inviting than before.

S.R. Madhu,
Chennai

I am preparing for my examinations under the Union Public Service Commission and reading *The Hindu* is essential. The 'bold and beautiful' look is impressive. The attempt to improve the daily's visual appeal deserves to be complimented.

Rahul Baweja,
Karnal, Haryana

The Hindu has been my paper — and cup of tea — for the past seven decades (I am running 90 years). Without exaggeration, I can asseverate that with its new look, the daily stands out in terms of its sheer elegance. I take this opportunity to recall with fondness the reportage of K. Balaraman, Correspondent, years ago, known for his style; the dispatches from Dr. Krishna Rao Shelvankar, Correspondent from London, which were always lucid, and the interesting reviews of concerts and concomitant dance performances, the solo violin performances of Arabhi (the pen name of the music critic). There were also two letter writers who wrote often; I recall the lovely letters of Gubil Sunderesan from Trichy which were to the point. His writing was so inspiring that it inspired me to start writing letters from my 20th year. The journey continues. About the new design: my son has been rather surprised to see me reading *The Hindu* without my spectacles. My congratulations to Dr. Garcia for giving us a fascinating product.

Mani Natarajan,
Chennai

Personally, I would be happy to find the Editorial page at least half-filled with letters from readers. But I know that it is beyond me to remind you that active reader-participation generates complete meaning to any publication. I wish the 'Letters to the Editor' column is considered as a barometer of how well the engagement is with readers. The overall 'new look' is alright; I often stand for changes.

P.R.V. Raja,
Pandalam, Kerala

The new look is elegant, attractive and user-friendly, enabling a faster read. As a reader for the past 44 years, I am addicted to the paper. The day is dullest when there is no paper.

R. Thesinghrajan,
Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris

I began to read *The Hindu* when in college, in 1966. Recently, I dropped reading it for certain reasons — this includes the format. In fact I began to read another daily which met my requirements that included a catchy layout of articles and pictures. I am now back to reading *The Hindu*. The redesign has been carried out in an appreciable manner that even a senior citizen like me would find great to read and without difficulty. The new design does make for a better reading experience.

V. Rajagopalan,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

I am a nonagenarian and have been reading the daily for the past 74 years. *The Hindu* will continue to be my favourite paper, irrespective of its *avatars*.

G. Jayaraman,
Bengaluru

It is really great that *The Hindu*, the favourite daily of many a dedicated reader, is 144 years old. The new look will continue to enchant them every morning, particularly when much of the print and electronic media seems to be compromised.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

The redesign of the paper is bold. I have been reading the daily since childhood. As a teacher, I hope the redesign and content will help me professionally.

Riaz Ahmed,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

I write this as Honorary Adviser, Bhagat Singh Archives and Resource Centre, Delhi Archives, New Delhi and as an academician. The earlier look was not bad either, but this is better. I have been writing to many a newspaper which I read, to pay attention to readers with vision problems. It is unfortunate that the management in these papers pay scant attention. Even an issue such as the use of colour has a bearing on reading. *The Hindu* has taken the right step by showing that it cares for eye comfort. I am sure there will be gratitude expressed by elderly readers.

Chaman Lal,
New Delhi

The new look does make *The Hindu* sharper than before — as the advertisement in the daily says. Every element pleases the reader. The highlighting of key words in the strapline stands out. The news pages breathe and ensure a better reading experience.

Divyalekshmi A.,
Kollam, Kerala

I have been an avid reader of *The Hindu* since school. I am 60 now. When I was introduced to the daily, I was said to be a reluctant reader because of the font! But I got used to it and developed my vocabulary. The new look *The Hindu* left me astonished as I found the font to be to my liking and what I had yearned for all these years. My congratulations.

Dr. B. Subbulakshmi,
Erode, Tamil Nadu

Reading the letters in the 'Letters to the Editor' column (September 22), on the new look, seems to create the perception that many of the readers are senior citizens. I do not mean to offend them. *The Hindu* is a paper for every age group. It has adapted itself with changing times and also the march of technology every time this has been warranted. The most welcome aspect is the concern for readers. The reading experience has been enhanced and the changes are welcome.

S. Sivakumar,
Vilathikulam, Tamil Nadu

As a reader for four decades, I am happy that a reader gets a clear typographic layout keeping in mind changing times with the invasion of social media. It is easy to navigate as the white space makes all the difference. The different fonts enrich the reading experience. The disappointing aspect is that the content has been reduced by 15%.

L. Chinnappan,
Chennai

I am what you would call a long-time subscriber and reader. As far as the new format is concerned, the extremely bold headings on some pages are very jarring. This new design element has changed what used to be a very decent look to something discomposing. In comparison, the font used in the strapline is easy on the eye.

Dr. V. Krishnamoorthy,
Chennai

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Should the Election Commission insist on inner-party elections?

PARLEY

The Congress is set for elections for the post of party president. Since 1998, barring her son Rahul Gandhi's two-year term, Sonia Gandhi has been party president. This has revived the debate on whether internal elections should be mandated for all political parties. In a conversation moderated by **Sobhana K. Nair**, *S.Y. Quraishi and Rahul Verma discuss the current situation and what can be done.*
Edited excerpts:

S.Y. Quraishi
is a former Chief Election Commissioner of India

Rahul Verma
is a political analyst and fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

Is there any legal ground on which elections can be mandated within political parties?

S.Y. Quraishi: Actually, as far as I remember, there is no law. In [the 1990s], when T.N. Seshan was at the helm at the Election Commission of India (ECI), by an executive order political parties were ordered to conduct organisational elections. And because Seshan was a much respected and feared person, political parties complied with it. Since then, elections are held periodically in every recognised party. If they are not able to hold an election for any reason, they seek condonation [for the] delay, which is liberally granted. And the ECI generally has been very soft on this. The ECI does not question the result or the procedure the parties followed. The ECI expects political parties to abide by their constitution, a copy of which is also submitted to the commission when the parties are registered. It is not for the commission to step in or criticise if anyone is elected unopposed.

Rahul Verma: Let me make two points. First, on the legal ground, because there is a great paradox here. India, it seems, is a party-led democracy or democracy based on political parties. But the phrase "political party" [was] nowhere mentioned or described in our Constitution. The definition of a political party for the first time enters through the anti-defection law in 1985. All rules and regulations apply more to candidates than to political parties in India. The courts have made an observation that nothing in Article 324 of the Constitution, or Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 tells us that the ECI can actually regulate internal structures, organisations or elections of the party. Which is why parties, on the left or right, have not been conducting internal elections as you want them to conduct them. In this sense, most political parties in India have become similar, where internal structures and organisations do not follow their own constitutional norms.

Staking claim: Congress leader Shashi Tharoor meeting the party's Central Election Authority chairman Madhusudan Mistry in New Delhi. PTI

Citing the recent internal elections of the Conservative Party in the U.K., many have claimed that leadership polls within a party diminish its status among the voters because the contestants end up criticising their own party's policies.

SYQ: When we see the U.S. election, for instance, the selection of the candidate to be the presidential nominee is done via debate, in which the contenders condemn and criticise each other. For instance, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton contested and called each other names, but then Mr. Obama won [as President in 2008], and Ms. Clinton was appointed Secretary of State. I don't know how they get over the bad blood created during the campaign. It could be counter-productive. Theoretically democracy is ideal, but could it in the long term weaken the party? These debates could come to haunt the successful candidate. We saw something similar in the U.K. Democracy should be at every level, and political parties are an essential pillar of democracy. And yet, therein lies the contradiction because every election is divisive. In a contrary scenario, if a party follows a single leader, who they worship and stand united behind, it can lead to a high command culture where only the favourite of the said leader gets promoted over the actually popular leaders. We need to establish a balance between both these options.

RV: Any system that you bring in will always come with some positive and negative externalities – there is no perfect rule, there is no perfect law. As Mr. Quraishi also pointed out, in internal elections, like the U.S. primaries, you are going to have these contests between leaders, and there will be some mudslinging and differences of opinion. But at the end of the day, you have to understand what political parties are. Political parties don't have to be homogeneous in terms of both ideas and leadership. Political parties are aggregations of interests, right? So there are going to be differences within. Having these internal elections, meetings and contests of ideas is important. Second, and as you rightly pointed out, internal elections are key for upward mobility. And that is why what we are witnessing today in India – and South Asia – is problematic for democracy, where all political parties are centralised. They are family-controlled parties, and dynastic politics has become a norm. You won't be able to name more than three or four political parties which have survived 30 years in Indian politics and are today not controlled by a political family, where you can only rise up the ranks in the system depending on the relationship you share with the first family of that party. High command culture is a symptom of the problem which we are witnessing today.

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> **S.Y. QURAISHI**

Would state funding of elections bring in more democracy and accountability within political parties?

SYQ: Well, actually, that's a totally different question and debate. I am against state funding for elections, but instead the government must consider state funding of political parties. Currently, they have to beg, borrow and steal to run their outfits. They take money from the corporates and, of course, there are no free lunches. One very objective criterion of this funding could be the votes they get; for example, the state can pay them ₹100 for each vote polled in their favour. The formula I suggest is completely objective: receive money as per the number of votes polled for you. It is very workable. Unfortunately, political parties seem to like the present confusion, so nobody is talking about it.

RV: I completely agree with Mr. Quraishi. There has been always a conversation on internal regulation of political parties. In fact, the 1999 Law Commission Report strongly recommended that we should have some mechanism for it, and Mr. Quraishi as the CEC in 2011 also submitted a draft on this to the Union Law Ministry. But it was neither accepted, nor did it generate a debate inside or outside Parliament. Obviously, political parties prefer the present situation which is akin to the foxes guarding the henhouse. The formula of how to go about state funding is debatable, but we do have to start thinking about some model of state funding of political parties. I think, going forward, the ECI will have to come up with some innovative ways on how to regulate political parties.

SYQ: The ECI does insist on organisational elections, but only gently. The parties do conduct elections, even if you consider them sham elections, but they do go through the ritual. Also an election can happen only if there are two or more candidates in the fray. Getting elected unopposed is also a valid election. It is not just within the political parties, we have seen in panchayat elections and sometimes even in Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections that candidates have got elected unopposed. As I keep saying, the people are the final arbiters. If voters think that the organisational elections were only an exercise in tokenism, then they should throw out such leaders.

RV: I don't think we need a law. I think we need a new interpretation and some bold moves from the ECI re-interpreting the existing laws, as happened in the 1990s. I slightly disagree with Mr. Quraishi. You can't leave everything to the people's choice. The reason is, as a voter, I'm basically choosing the best among the worst options. And that's why the ECI has to imagine its role as a regulator of these political parties. And in some ways they have to try out milder options. As Mr. Quraishi pointed out, they are required to hold organisational elections regularly. The parties are required to inform the ECI about changes in their office-bearers. They are required to submit a document of expenditure incurred during elections and in the non-election period. But there is no cost attached to non-compliance. At the same time, I think threats to de-register [a party] are bad. We'll have to find some middle ground.

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NOTEBOOK

All in a summit's work

From Samarkand and the Maldives to Sharm El-Sheikh, chasing dignitaries to get a ringside view of behind the scenes

Suhasini Haidar

Sometimes, the perks are also the punishment I think, as I look around the beautiful vistas of the "Eternal City" complex built especially for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, on the outskirts of Samarkand - one of many summit venues that we journalists get to travel to, but seldom have the time to truly enjoy. To cover this most recent summit, we had to leave our hotels at 5 a.m., in order to complete security checks in time to cover the day-long summit, only to return to our rooms well past midnight. Little time to enjoy the views, or the rowing canal that also serves as a moat to ensure security for the heads of state living there, or the scaled versions of the many beautiful Uzbek monuments from Samarkand, Bukhara and Tashkent that have been recreated here, the artificially created beaches (in a double land-locked country), or the "volcano" that has been made by drilling a geo-thermal spring 2,000 meters below the ground.

Similarly, I can remember travelling to exotic locales more suited to James Bond than to an ordinary journalist, but have vague memories of anything but the stories we covered: from lush Maldivian resort islands to the sand-scapes of Sharm El-Sheikh, to the pristine mountains around Thimphu. The fly in the ointment to being the fly on the wall at such conferences is that we never actually appreciate the surroundings: I barely dipped a toe in the Maldivian waters, never ran across Red Sea beaches or went dune-bashing in the deserts, nor had a moment to indulge in spectacular Himalayan views, as we spent the day working - a regret one shares with other journalists covering similar summits. Instead, one's memories are of scrambling for transport, hunting WiFi at media centres, and most of all, chasing leaders for just a glimpse of what may become a scoop: that wink, handshake, or a conversation shared that indicates something bigger is afoot geopolitically.

Such opportunities are rare, as leaders and their teams deliberately make themselves scarce...at the 2015 CoP21 summit in Paris, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had a "chance" encounter in the waiting lounge that was off limits to journalists, and it wasn't until an obliging official leaked video of their chat that reporters realised its import- resulting in a visit by Mr. Modi to Lahore a few weeks later.

In Hamburg for the 2017 G-20, a corridor conversation between Mr. Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping turned into a detente at Doklam after weeks of a military standoff. (It was perhaps to avoid even the chance of a meeting that both Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi avoided the Pre-summit dinner, tree planting and boat ride planned in the Eternal City for the SCO summit.) Of course, it is much easier these days for the leaders than in the past: in his memoirs, Israeli leader Shimon Peres writes about having to don a big moustache, a wig and a fedora hat when travelling across to Jordan for secret negotiations, in order to escape the press.

As leaders now prefer to deal with their own publicity teams and state-owned Television, it is particularly difficult for independent private media that is relegated to the outer rim of the conference venue. In such situations, I always remember the words of my professor at journalism school, who said, just keep walking... if a door is closed, go down the corridor to the left or right...just keep finding your way through open doors, but don't stop trying. At the eternal city, those words proved useful, as we found doors that opened into a hall where we bumped into several dignitaries, and even got an interview or two as we looked for the elusive possible meetings. Nevertheless, we all know that at the next summit in the next beautiful setting, the chase will begin all over again!

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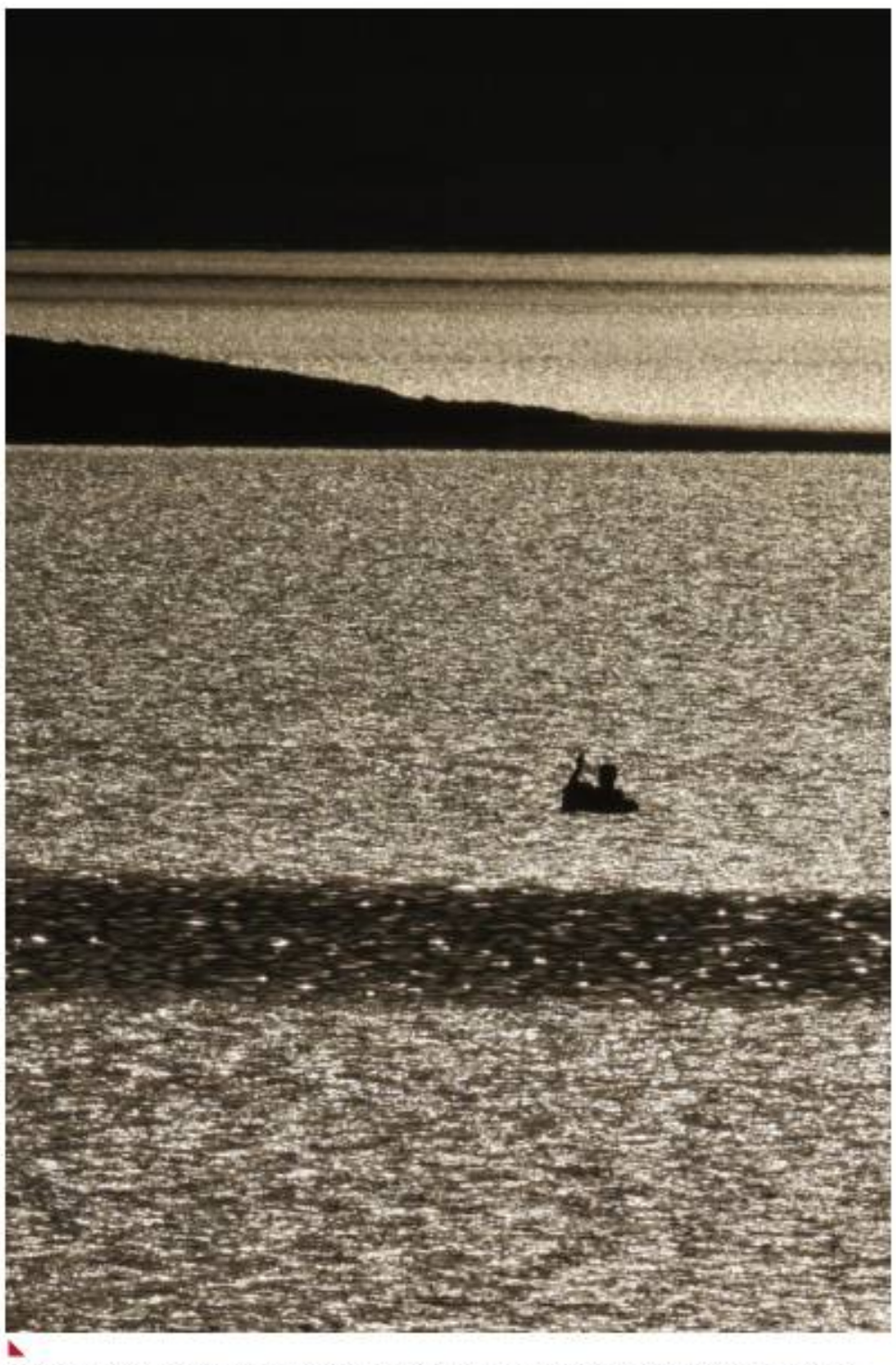
PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Kerala's Malampuzha dam fills up in the monsoon's retreat song, leaving enough water for second paddy crop



A fisherman buoys himself on a tyre on the Malampuzha reservoir bed in Palakkad district of Kerala early on Wednesday morning. The dam's catchment area had received huge amounts of rainfall in the past three months. The water storage in the reservoir augurs well for the second season of paddy cultivation from October to November in the district, the granary of Kerala. There is a network of two canal systems that serve the dam's reservoir of 42,090 hectares. During summer, when there is scarcity of water, the shutters of the dam are lifted to let the water flow into the Bharathapuzha. K.K. MUSTAFAH

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 23, 1972

Higher food output targets

NEW DELHI, Sept. 22. The States have on the whole accepted the targets of additional food production set for them in the emergency food production programme. The programme, drawn up by the Union Ministry of Agriculture to offset the losses in this year's kharif crop on account of drought and floods, envisaged an additional production of about 16 million tonnes of foodgrains during the coming winter and summer. The Agricultural Production Commissioners of States at a meeting here to-day gave an assessment of the kharif prospects and reported the steps taken in the States to realise the additional targets. Mr. T.P. Singh, Union Agriculture Secretary, who presided, told pressmen later that the States were confident of realising an additional yield of between 14 million tonnes and 16 million tonnes if the weather played fair. The emergency production programme envisaged an extra production of 8.75 million tonnes of wheat, 4.5 million tonnes of summer rice, 2 million tonnes of gram and about a million tonnes of jowar and bajra. The Production Commissioners felt that targets for wheat and summer rice were on the higher side. Mr. Singh, however, appealed to them to take a bolder view of the summer rice programme in the light of the encouraging results of last year.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 23, 1922

Dr. Tagore at Poona

POONA, Sept. 22. Dr. Rabindranath Tagore and Professor Silvian Levy arrived in Poona yesterday afternoon. They paid a visit to Dr. Bhandarkar. In the evening, the Poona Gayan Samar gave them a pansupari entertainment and they visited the New Poona College, Girls High School. "Kesari and Mahratta" office and the Fergusson College. Professor Levy delivered an address at the Bhandarkar Oriental Institute. Dr. Tagore will read a paper on his Vishwa Bharati university and address a public meeting on Sunday afternoon where admission would be by tickets. A conversazione has been arranged at the Bhandarkar Institute in their honour on Sunday morning. Another converzaione would be held at the New Poona College to discuss educational matters. The party, it is understood, would leave for Mysore on Sunday night. Mr. O.F. Andrews also is expected to arrive at Poona to-morrow evening.

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109 held in nationwide crackdown on PFI

One of the cases was earlier made against over 25 PFI activists by the Nizamabad Police of Telangana in July. The accused were holding camps to train people for indulging in violence. In one case, the agency has arrested 19 persons. Those picked up from Kerala have been identified as the outfit chief Salam, Jaseer K.P., V. P. Nazarudheen Elamaram, Mohammed Basheer, Shafeer K.P., Abubacker, Prof. Koya and Abdul Rahiman. Seven were held in Karnataka, three in Tamil Nadu and one in Uttar Pradesh. Two persons have been arrested from Rajasthan in another case, while eight from Tamil Nadu held in the third case and 11 from Kerala in the fourth case. The agency also arrested four accused from Andhra Pradesh and one from Telangana connected to the fifth First Information Report. As on date, the NIA is investigating 19 PFI-related cases and has so far arraigned 355 persons in the chargesheets.

The ED has arrested Shafiq Daru Rahmani in Kozhikode for his alleged role in raising funds from the Gulf and laundering the money for use in various illegal activities. "He is an associate of Rauf Sharif, a member of the PFI's Campus Front of India, who was arrested by us in December 2020," said an agency official, adding that the ED had so far attached 23 accounts linked to the PFI and 10 linked to the Rehab India Foundation.

In Telangana and Manipur, the PFI offices were sealed for further searches. Last week, the agency had raided the outfit's training centre in Nizamabad and detained some activists.

(With inputs from different bureaus)

'Ukraine conflict of profound concern'

The conflict has also put the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant at risk of damage, a matter that was raised by several speakers. "The nuclear issue is a particular anxiety," Mr. Jaishankar said.

Distant regions – especially in the global South –were feeling the conflict's impact, Mr. Jaishankar said, as he highlighted food and fuel shortages. "We must therefore, not initiate measures that further complicate the struggling global economy," he said. "And that is why India strongly reiterates the need for an immediate cessation of all hostilities and a return to dialogue and diplomacy," he said, repeating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement to Mr. Putin last week in Samarkand at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit, "Now is not the era for war".

Later in his speech, he said, again, that the need now was "to end this conflict in Ukraine and return to the negotiating table".

Mr. Jaishankar also said that even during conflict, violations of human rights and international law were not acceptable. "Where any such acts occur, it is imperative that they are investigated in an objective and independent manner," he said, referring to a massacre that took place in the suburb of Ukraine, which came to light in March 2022. "Politics should never ever provide cover to evade accountability nor indeed to facilitate impunity. Regrettably, we have seen this of late in this very chamber when it comes to sanctioning of some of the world's most dreaded terrorists," Mr. Jaishankar said, presumably referring to China placing a hold on a U.S.-India proposal to sanction LeT terrorist Sajid Mir . He said the Council should consider the signals it was sending by letting "egregious acts" go unpunished and that credibility required consistency.

Maoist movement at an ebb in Andhra-Odisha

Major operations – including the Ramaguda encounter in October 2016, in which about 30 Maoists were killed and, in Teegalametta in June 2020, when six top leaders were killed in an encounter with the elite anti-naxal force of Andhra Pradesh – has left the movement depleted of strength. A number of top leaders have either died in encounters (Azad and Jambri) or surrendered (Jalandhar Reddy and Sudheer) or have been arrested (Ashok and Dubasi Shankar). The Maoists, then called Naxalites belonging to the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) People's War or the People's War Group (PWG), entered the Andhra-Odisha border region some time in the mid-1980s.

But the movement grew in strength only after foundation of the present party – the CPI (Maoist). It was on September 21, 2004, that two major left wing extremist groups – the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) People's War or People's War Group and the Maoist Communist Centre of India (MCCI) – merged to form the Communist Party of India- Maoist or CPI (Maoist).

Though both the parties, controlling different geographical areas, shared similar ideologies and goals, they differed on a number of counts till the merger. But after a prolonged discussion from 2002, the parties finally merged to form the biggest LWE group in the country, as well as in south-east Asia. With Muppala Lakshmana Rao alias Ganapathi heading it, the combined military strength of the party grew to over 7,000 armed members overnight. The weapons stockpile shot up to over 6,500 items of various makes and calibres that ranged from the AK series to SLRs and from .303 Lee Enfield rifles to locally made double- and single barrel shotguns. The cadre also grew in strength and expertise in manufacturing and using improvised explosive devices (IED) effectively. Till date, IEDs are their mainstay.

PFI, a group that has been in the cross hairs of security and intel agencies since 2010

The organisation rose to notoriety in 2010 with the chopping of the hand of a professor in Kerala; in 2021, police officers from Assam, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh spoke of its alleged radical activities at a police meet attended by the PM

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Under arrest: Parvez, PFI Delhi unit chief, being brought to the ED office in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

The coordinated searches and the arrest of around 100 members of the Popular Front of India (PFI) on Thursday by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) were planned on the basis of documents and information collected by the Intelligence Bureau (IB), a senior government official said.

National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval monitored the searches that began in the early hours on Thursday. As it was a countrywide search, Central forces were kept on standby and minimal information was shared with the local police.

This is not the first time that the organisation, comprising mostly Muslim members, which describes itself as "neo-social movement which strives for the empowerment of marginalised sections of India" has been in the cross hairs of the security agencies. In 2010, some members of the PFI attacked T.J. Joseph, a professor in Ernakulam district of Kerala, chopping off his right palm. Mr. Joseph was targeted over a question paper he set for a college examination that had some references to the Prophet, which the attackers said were insulting.

The PFI was founded in 2007, a year after the merger of three Muslim groups – the National Democratic Front in Kerala, the Karnataka Forum for Dignity and the Manitha Neethi Pasarai in Tamil Nadu.

In 2017, the NIA prepared a detailed dossier on the PFI, but it could not be declared an "unlawful association" under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) as officials were divided on the subject. In June 2022, the ED accused the organisation of money laundering, claiming that it had received over ₹60 crore since 2009, including cash deposit of over ₹30 crore.

The PFI said the funds were raised domestically. "It has won the trust of millions of people across the country who help the organisation through their donations. Due to this, it has been the policy of the organisation since its inception to make any small and large scale financial transactions transparent," the PFI said.

In 2021, at the annual police meet organised by the IB and attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Lucknow, police officers from Assam, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh spoke of the alleged radical activities of the outfit in their presentations. Assam Director-General of Police (DGP) Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta in his presentation on "Countering emerging security challenges in the neighborhood: Way forward" said that the "PFI has given an aggressive push to its propaganda campaign focusing majorly in Muslim majority districts of Assam". He said that the PFI was successful in consolidating its position offline and online and has leveraged the polarisation that has taken place in Assam. "The PFI's overt operations in Assam are in line with its *modus operandi* of supporting secular and mass movements. However, behind this garb of neo-liberal and secular mass-based organisation lies the sinister design of PFI," the presentation said.

It added that reports suggested that the PFI could be used by its political wing SDPI (Social Democratic Party of India) to make an entry into the political landscape of the State in the near future. The PFI has played an active role in the recent eviction-related violence in Assam's Dholpur, the presentation said.

Is NIA trying to pacify one constituency?

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Hot on the heels of Enforcement Directorate (ED) and National Investigation Agency (NIA) nationwide raids on the premises of the PFI, the group has found support. The Jamaat-e-Islami Hind expressed "concerns" over the raids on PFI. During the raids across 15 States, nearly 100 PFI personnel were arrested.

Syed Sadatullah Husaini, president, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, deplored the raids and crackdown on the PFI leadership and offices. Mr. Husaini said, "Agencies like the NIA can investigate people against whom they have clear evidence, but such actions should appear unbiased and free from political motivation."

He added, "Are the raids meant to appease a particular constituency? Is it not a kind of appeasement and vote-bank politics? Jamaat-e-Islami Hind deplores all actions in which people are subject to harassment, irrespective of whether they belong to the opposition, the minorities, or any social class of society."

F-16 help to Pakistan not a message to India: Ratner

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The action on F-16 was not designed as a message to India as a result of its relationship with Russia, said Ely Ratner, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defence for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, while stating that they have engaged India on it both before and during the decision.

Mr. Ratner was in India two weeks ago along with Assistant Secretary of State Donald Lu for the intersessional 2+2 meetings with the Ministries of Defence and External Affairs.

Leicester violence: India asks U.K. to take action

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India on Thursday said its officials were in contact with the authorities in the U.K. over the recent fights in Leicester where clashes between two communities continued for three weeks.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "We are in touch with the diplomatic and security authorities to prevent further attacks and take action against the perpetrators."

'EWS quota claims to be for poorest of poor, but denies most deprived'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

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> **S. RAVINDRA BHAT**
> Supreme Court judge

The Supreme Court on Thursday questioned the logic behind a quota for 'economically weaker sections' which claims to cater to the "poorest of the poor" but leaves out deprived communities who have suffered denial for centuries.

Members of the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes are shut out from applying under the 10% quota for economically weaker sections (EWS) introduced through the 103rd Constitutional Amendment. The government justifies the debarment of these communities by arguing that they are already part of the 50% reservation for backward classes. However, petitioners argue in court that their exclusion leaves only the middle class among the forward castes to reap the benefits of the EWS quota.

"Forty per cent of the Scheduled Tribe population constitute the poorest of the poor. When it comes to economic criteria, they are *ex facie* the poorest of the poor... But their overall reservation is just 7.5%. So there is a large section of them who are kept out because the share of the pie is only that much... Is it a good idea for an egalitarian Constitution to say 'yes, you are the poorest of the poor but sorry we have exhausted your quota!' We will give this [EWS reservation] to neither the ST, SC or OBC or constitutionally backward communities but to the other class," Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, one of the judges on the Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit, asked the Centre, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta.

The court said the idea of "economic backwardness" was nebulous. "Now, social backwardness can be easily discerned from lineage, caste, creed, occupations and from where people come from. There is an element of permanency in social backwardness. On the other hand, economic condition may be temporary," CJI Lalit said. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari said there were no guidelines to identify economic backwardness. Mr. Mehta countered that there was a certain element of "flexibility" attached to social and educational backwardness. "A community which is socially backward today may not be so 10 years from now," he argued.

He said the 103rd Amendment had strengthened the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

Punjab calls Assembly session on Sept. 27, to knock on SC's door

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

The SAD alleged that the special session was summoned to enact a political drama in the State

The Punjab government has decided to call a special Assembly session on September 27 and also to approach the Supreme Court against Governor Banwarilal Purohit's decision to withdraw the order of summoning of a session on September 22 during which the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) wanted to bring a 'confidence motion'.

The Opposition parties launched an offensive against the AAP, a day after Governor's decision. The AAP MLAs, on the other hand, held a 'march' from the State Assembly complex towards the Governor's house, protesting against the cancellation of the special Assembly session. The ruling AAP had announced to convene the special session of the Assembly on September 22 to bring a 'confidence motion', following the party's allegation that attempts were being made to topple its government by offering bribes to its legislators by the agents of the BJP.

The BJP members 'marched' towards Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's official residence here as it accused the AAP of raking up the issue of 'toppling' Punjab government in an attempt to divert public attention from its failure in the past six months since it came to power. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) asserted that the Governor has done the right thing as the special session was summoned "to enact a political drama on the lines of the one which took place in Delhi earlier". Terming the session for 'confidence motion' as a gimmick, the Congress party also congratulated the Governor. Mr. Mann said the State government has now decided to summon the session of the Assembly on September 27 to discuss "various issues pertaining to the State". He termed Governor's decision as "arbitrary and anti-democratic".

Varanasi court issues notice to Masjid panel on plea for carbon-dating of structure

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Varanasi district court on Thursday issued notice to the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee on an application of Hindu worshippers, who have now sought carbon-dating of the disputed structure known to have been found inside the premises of the Gyanvapi mosque.

District judge A.K. Vishvesha is currently hearing a suit filed by five Hindu women, who are seeking the right to worship inside the premises of the mosque all-year round. On September 12, the court had rejected an application of the Masjid panel challenging the maintainability of the suit. On Thursday, while admitting the application for carbon-dating of the structure, the court also dismissed an application filed by the panel seeking eight weeks' time to appeal against the September 12 order. While hearing the application for carbon-dating the structure in question, the court sought the Masjid panel's objections to it and posted the matter for September 29.

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What is the Places of Worship Act?
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Local toys to promote learning in anganwadi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has compiled a State-wise national repository of indigenous toys and shared this with all States as part of its special nutrition campaign.

It is using these local, indigenous toys in anganwadi centres for creating awareness and educating children and their families about healthy living and good nutritional practices, a senior official said.

APPEAL

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Godard, who changed cinema's grammar and syntax

TRIBUTE

Jean-Luc Godard was an iconoclast. He "destroyed" cinema and created it, every time he made a new film. He was not bound by any rules or conventions hitherto religiously practised by generations of filmmakers before him.

Scion of an upper-class Swiss family, he discovered to his shame and horror that his paternal grandfather was a close ally of the Nazis. It made him leave home in protest and fend for himself. A fascination for cinema had entered his fertile imagination very early in his life. As a teenager, he went to a dam site under construction and worked there as a helper. The money earned was put into the making of a documentary on the construction of the dam and also a couple of short fiction films.

As a student in Paris, he came close to several of the aspiring young men who had been bitten by the cinema bug. The Cinematheque in Paris had already established itself as the Mecca of cinema and was the natural destination for the seekers. Its illustrious director, Henri Langlois, was all help, mentoring and guiding the young aspirants.

At the age of 19, Godard wrote his first review of a film which was noted for its mature views and an unrelenting passion for cinema.

The post-war period saw a France shaken and shattered economically. The situation was even worse socially and culturally. A monopolistic Hollywood kept on dumping its mindless potboilers on France, filling the cinemas with escapist fare. The native industry too took to the easy way, churning out similar stuff in docile imitation.

Intellectuals such as Jean-Paul Sartre became vocal in their anger and frustration in condemning the capitalist design to drive a highly evolved culture like France's into a captive status and demoralise it. Sartre condemned even a celebrated film like Orson Welles' *Citizen Kane* as an exercise in futility as it remained wholly oblivious of the day-to-day life lived by ordinary people.

Well-known critic and theoretician Andre Bazin took exception to this argument against *Citizen Kane* and went on to defend it in an article titled "The technique of *Citizen Kane*". He stressed that as a work of art, *Citizen Kane* was flawless, and it had indeed redeemed cinema from the depths of degeneration it had been condemned to.

He saw lengthy shots and deep focus as elements adding to the authenticity of the truth portrayed without leaving any scope for interference or manipulation. It had, in his opinion, enhanced the authenticity and relevance of the content.

In a sequel response, Maurice Schroeder, an influential teacher and critic of cinema, held out a view that was different from both. In a three-part piece for the journal *La review du Cinema*, he attempted to define cinema and pared it down to its essentials. He wrote: "It is neither the length of the shot nor the clarity of vision that determines the identity of cinema. On the contrary, it is the nature of the content in terms of the actors and the objects the artist packs into the visuals that is decisive. With the actors' performance and dialogue and the placement of objects within the frame the visuals take on a life."

The auteur: Jean-Luc Godard pushing cameraman Raoul Coutard (on a wheelchair for a tracking shot) during the shooting of *Breathless*.

Adoor Gopalakrishnan
is a veteran filmmaker

Satyajit Ray told me once jokingly. Godard has made our lives easier by sparing us the trouble to match shots and seek smooth transitions

Novelty of ideas, clarity of thinking

Impressed and attracted by the ingenuity of this argument, Godard went on to join the Cine Club run by Schroeder in the Latin Quarter. Schroeder would invariably introduce every film before its screening. And an open discussion, presided over by him, would follow at the end.

In 1949, Schroeder adopted the pen name, Eric Rohmer, and started a film magazine titled *de Gazette du Cinema*. Only five issues could be brought out before it was folded up. An article by Godard was featured in each of those issues. They were noted for their novelty of ideas and clarity of thinking and above all, a strong passion for the new faith that was cinema.

In the article "Towards a political cinema", the one idea he was emphatically underscoring was that cinema was not merely copying reality, but was itself a part of reality. Godard and his friends were not content with just watching films and writing about them. They were itching to make their own films. Practical training started with assisting Eric Rohmer and Jack Rivet who were making their debut films.

By the early 1950s, *Cahiers du Cinema* had already started publication under the editorship of Bazin. It attracted some of the best young minds on its editorial board as well as its list of contributors. Bazin himself was their leader and *agent provocateur*. Francois Truffaut, Claude Chabrol, Godard and other like-minded anti-establishment left-wing critics found for themselves a forum to vent their views in *Cahiers du Cinema* that was soon to become the springboard of the *Nouvelle Vague* (New Wave).

Godard, in his 1956 article "Montage, my fine care", propounded a view diametrically opposite to the editor, Bazin. As opposed to Bazin's view that lengthy shots without cuts or interruptions would lend authenticity to cinema, Godard argued that shots of shorter duration should carry the impact better.

While being critical about Hollywood films in general, directors such as Alfred Hitchcock, Ford, Howard Hawks, Otto Preminger, Nicholas Ray and a few others were lauded by Godard. The problem with the run-of-the-mill Hollywood productions was that they were driven by sheer monetary considerations leaving little space for freedom of expression.

The idea was to make the audience aware that they were watching cinema and not entering it

About the time, from neighbourhood Italy, neorealism was making a big splash internationally. Critics like Bazin were quick to respond and exhort the young and serious to imbibe its spirit in their work. Films like Rossellini's *Rome, Open City* and De Sica's *Bicycle Thieves* were discussed, analysed and written about in all earnestness. The new awareness and exposure might have caught the imagination of the would-be filmmakers.

The situation should be looked up in the context of the seminal document by filmmaker-critic Alexandre Astruc who famously called upon the professionals to make sure that the camera becomes the pen in their hands (*la camera stylo*), sowing the seed of a revolution in filmmaking.

The argument was further crystallised by Francois Truffaut when he proposed the concept of auteur cinema, naming the filmmaker as the author of cinema. And the dictum truly found fruition in the work of Godard over and again, through his career.

The story of a thief

In the 1950s, the whole of France was agog with the news of the adventurous and dangerous life of a small-time thief and his hopeless flight from law.

Michel Poiccard, in his desperate bid to get away from the police, commits the mistake of killing a policeman who had been chasing him on a motorbike. He takes his girlfriend, Patricia, an American girl selling the *New York Herald Tribune* on the boulevards of Paris, with him. In the end, she turns him to the police in an act of treachery and he gets shot to death. Truffaut was very much interested in adapting the story for a film. He started working on a script in collaboration with Chabrol. But after a time they lost interest in the subject.

Godard sought and got Truffaut's permission to make his first feature on the subject. What got him interested in the film was the strange twist in the story – of Patricia giving up Michel to the police.

In Truffaut's story, it is owing to poverty that the boy turns to stealing cars and gets involved in petty crimes. Godard's Michel is someone who is an outsider to social norms and the rule of law and he has only contempt for orderly life. He is a hardened derelict.

It was Truffaut who arranged a producer for him. Through the producer's contact, he got a distributor who agreed to advance some money for the production. The shooting was done without the usual paraphernalia of film production.

Raoul Coutard, the cameraman, carried the camera himself and shot all the scenes on real locations hand-held. He would walk and run with the artists in tandem. Wherever a tracking shot was required, the cameraman would be seated on a wheelchair and Godard would push it. Lightweight sound equipment made it possible to record sounds as well in the same fashion. Godard used a bare minimum crew for the shoot.

At the time of editing, no effort was made to start a scene with establishing shot and then go on to mid, semi-mid, close shots, and so on. All such conventions were broken. A scene would start with a close view and then continue without establishing either physical or internal connection. In fact, the very idea of smooth transition either by match cut or opticals such as fade-in, fade-out, mix, and so on was all done away with. The idea was to make the audience aware that they were watching cinema and not entering it. Thus, cinema discovered a new terminology – the jump cut. (Satyajit Ray told me once jokingly, Godard has made our lives easier by sparing us the trouble to match shots and seek smooth transitions.)

A bout de soufflé (Breathless) all on a sudden changed cinema's grammar and syntax. A series of films crossing 100 in number were to follow.

Even at 91, Godard was dreaming of cinema, but the body wouldn't match his mind. It was as if it's not worth living when you cannot act out your wishes. The undying spirit of cinema lives on.

Cong. presidential poll: filing of papers to begin tomorrow

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The voting will be held on October 17 and the counting of votes will take place on October 19

The process to elect a new Congress president was set in motion, with the party's Central Election Authority chairman Madhusudan Mistry issuing an official notification on Thursday.

While the process of filing nomination starts on Saturday, voting will be held on October 17 and the counting of votes will take place on October 19.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor have emerged as the front runners in the presidential race.

The party last witnessed a contest for the top post in November 2000 when Congress chief Sonia Gandhi defeated Jitendra Prasada.

Except for a brief period between 1992 and 1998, the top post of the Congress has been with the Gandhis since 1978.

However, with the Gandhis sitting out in the current election, the list of possible contenders could grow. Sources close to Lok Sabha member Manish Tewari said the senior leader was consulting with his supporters and well wishers before taking a final decision on contesting. Senior leader Digvijaya Singh, who is the national coordinator of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, is also being pitched as a contender.

But more than the number of contestants, Mr. Gehlot's candidature will present a challenge to the leadership. A win and elevation as the Congress chief would mean the party has to choose his successor as the Rajasthan's Chief Minister.

And with just about a year for the Assembly poll in Rajasthan, the Congress top leadership will have to make a careful choice. While former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot is being considered as a front runner for the post, it is well known that Mr. Gehlot is averse to him since he had rebelled against the Gehlot government in July 2020. Sources said Rajasthan Speaker C.P. Joshi or Cabinet Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal were also being talked as possible replacements of Mr. Gehlot.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat *rashtra pita*, says imam after Delhi meet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday paid a visit to Umer Ahmed Ilyasi, chief imam of the All India Imam Organisation (AIIO), at the latter's residence in Delhi.

Mr. Bhagwat, who was accompanied by senior RSS functionaries Krishna Gopal, Ram Lal and Indresh Kumar, is said to have had a brief discussion with Mr. Ilyasi on issues relating to peace and harmony. Mr. Ilyasi said the meeting was "a family affair". "Bhagwat*ji* is *rashtra pita* (father of the nation) and his visit to my home was an honour to me," he said.

A top RSS functionary told *The Hindu* that Mr. Bhagwat met the imam at his home in response to a long-standing invitation. "The RSS has been in continuous dialogue with Umer Ahmed Ilyasi. Even his father use to interact with former RSS chief K.S. Sudarshan," said the RSS functionary. He added that nothing more should be made of the visit. "Yes, he also met some madrasa students. It was a candid interaction," he added.

Sunil Ambekar, RSS publicity incharge, described the meeting as part of the continuous *samvad* of the sangh with people from various sections of society. Even during his previous stay in Delhi, between August 21 and 24, Mr. Bhagwat met a delegation of Muslim intellectuals, including former Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Najeeb Jung, Mr. Ambekar noted.

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The Defence Ministry on Thursday signed a ₹1,700-crore contract with BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd for 35 combat and three practice BrahMos supersonic surface-to-surface cruise missiles for two P-15B class of stealth guided missile destroyers of the Indian Navy. "Induction of these dual-role capable missiles will significantly enhance the operational capability of the Navy fleet assets," the Defence Ministry said. BrahMos is a joint venture between the DRDO and Russia's *NPO* Mashinostroyeniya and the missile derives its name from Brahmaputra and Moskva rivers.

NCC and UNEP sign MoU on tackling plastic pollution

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in New Delhi on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to tackle the issue of plastic pollution and achieve the universal goal of clean water bodies through *Puneet Sagar Abhiyan* and 'Tide Turners Plastic Challenge programme'. It was signed between Director-General of NCC Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh and Bishow Parajuli, Resident Representative, UN World Food Programme, in the presence of Rajnath Singh. "The aim is to synergise and collate efforts towards engaging youth for promoting clean water bodies," a Defence Ministry statement said.

Former judge tasked with amending IOA's constitution

The Supreme Court on Thursday assigned its former judge, Justice L. Nageswara Rao, the task to head an effort to amend the constitution of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and prepare a road map to elections. The order came amid India's run-up to the National Games scheduled in Gujarat. A Bench urged Justice Rao to take up the assignment and ensure a fair approach for the future of Olympic sports in the country. The International Olympic Committee on September 8 had "issued a final warning to the IOA to "resolve its governance issues" and hold elections or face ban.

SC resolves to live-stream Constitution Bench hearings

A full court meeting of Supreme Court judges has resolved to live-stream Constitution Bench hearings. For now, the Supreme Court will stream its hearings on YouTube with technical support from the National Informatics Centre. For the long term, the court is planning to launch a dedicated platform to live-stream hearings. The live-streaming may start from September 27. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, the court's e-committee chairperson, said in the full court meeting that the technological requirements for live-streaming is already in place. The decision comes after a recent letter from senior advocate Indira Jaising seeking live-streaming of important case hearings, especially those being heard by Constitution Benches.

Normalised scores in CUET disregard difficulty level of different subjects, say students

The system doesn't provide a fair comparison, say many aspirants for admission to Delhi University, but officials contend that scores work better than percentiles in deciding admissions and arithmetic operations are possible only with marks

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Making sense: Students have been complaining of a perceived mismatch between percentiles and normalised scores.R.V. MOORTHY

The marking scheme used in the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) has left several students anxious. One of the apprehensions expressed by the students is that the "normalisation" of marks does not allow for a comparison between two different subjects, putting students who appeared for maths, physics and Hindi at a disadvantage.

Sejal Singh, a student who aspires to join Delhi University, said, "I am applying for B.Sc. (Honours) in maths at Delhi University and I have 96 percentile in the subject converted into 115 marks. As I am from a science background, my second subject is physics in which I have 99.8 percentile converted into 168 marks. But another student from a commerce background who applied for the same course and appeared for business studies instead of physics has a lower percentile of 91 turned into 174 marks. This means that my competitor has more marks than me, though I performed better in a tough paper."

She claims that despite having scored 97.7 percentile, she has an overall score of 631 out of 800, while many Humanities students with lower percentile scored more than 700 marks.

According to the eligibility criteria laid down by Delhi University for different courses, students need to submit their best score in three or four subjects depending on the programme they are applying for.

University Grants Commission (UGC) chief M. Jagadesh Kumar last week said universities across the country would prepare merit lists for undergraduate admissions using "normalised" scores issued by the National Testing Agency (NTA) instead of raw marks.

"Normalisation" is a way to compare the marks of one student with another when an examination in the same subject is held in multiple sessions, each with a different paper, to ensure equity. Essentially, what this method does is that for a given percentile value, it calculates the average of the corresponding scores on different days. If in a given shift, no student secured a specific percentile value, then linear interpolation is used to give a corresponding score for the missing mark.

However, many university aspirants say a normalised score does not provide a fair comparison between two different subjects and therefore percentiles would have been a better parameter.

A group of nearly 30 students have written to Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh, Dean of Admissions Haneet Gandhi and Registrar Vikas Gupta on the issue.

But DU's Dean of Admissions Haneet Gandhi explains why percentiles can't be used at the university for preparing a merit list. "Admissions for a course at DU are not based on the performance of a student in one subject, but in a combination of three to four subjects. Percentiles are prepared on an ordinal scale, and can't be added. You can't do arithmetic operations on percentiles. Therefore, we need marks to do the addition. Further, some courses need proration where you give only 25% of weightage to a particular subject," Ms. Gandhi said.

But she agrees that the method "provides parity only within a subject. And there is a debate on how to equate different subjects."

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Decoding CUET: Will it level the playing field or worsen exclusion?
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Company selling human milk items loses licence

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Ayush has barred Neolacta Life Sciences, the Indian arm of a U.K.-based company, from manufacturing products derived from human milk under the garb of Ayurveda and cancelled its licence.

The company was manufacturing and selling five products, which included pasteurised human breast milk under the brand name PHBM 70, human milk powder under brand names NeoLact70 and NeoLact70 Prime. The three products were sold as alternatives when mother's milk is not available or the baby needs extra calories.

Karnataka's Drug Licensing Authority (KDLA) under the State government's Department of Ayush constituted a Technical Expert Advisory Committee and reviewed the approval it had granted in November 2021 and found that "*Nari Ksheera*" or breast milk does not come under the definition of either drug or "Ayurvedic proprietary medicine" as per the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 as the five products contained only one ingredient, which was human milk. It found violation of the New Drug and Clinical Trial Rules 2019.

NeoLacta has said in a statement that it will appeal against the decision and take legal recourse.

Lancet panel criticises WHO for acting 'too slowly' during pandemic

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

The Lancet Commission on lessons for the future from the COVID-19 pandemic published in the journal on September 14, has issued a set of recommendations for future plans and has also castigated the World Health Organization (WHO) for acting "too cautiously and too slowly" on several important matters.

The report is bluntly critical of not just the WHO, but also the role of governments across the world: "As of May 31, 2022, there were 6.9 million reported deaths and 17.2 million estimated deaths from COVID-19, as reported by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. This staggering death toll is both a profound tragedy and a massive global failure at multiple levels."

The WHO comes in for criticism for acting slowly on multiple issues — including in warning about the human transmissibility of the virus, declaring a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, supporting international travel protocols designed to slow the spread of the virus, endorsing the public use of face masks as protection and recognising airborne transmission of the virus. The commissioners recorded that it was the countries in the WHO's western Pacific region which had a rich experience of dealing with

A health worker taking a nasal swab sample of a woman to test for COVID-19. FILE PHOTO

SARS that reacted with urgency to the outbreak and pursued a suppression strategy conducive to low mortality.

The report further talks of inadequate coordination among governments to contain the pandemic, including travel protocols, testing strategies, public health and social measures, commodity supply chains, data standards and reporting systems, and advice to the public, despite the very high interdependence among countries.

They did record that epidemic control was indeed seriously hindered by public opposition to routine public health and social measures, masking and getting vaccinated, indicating low confidence in the government and low health literacy.

The report makes a strong case for sustaining high rates of vaccination coverage, indicating that economic recovery depends on this, and low rates of new, clinically significant COVID infections.

Centre likely to stop funding trust linked to helpline 1098

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

It has been decided that all the helplines will be run directly by the government

The Union government is likely to stop funding the Childline India Foundation (CIF), which was set up as a partnership between the government and NGOs over two decades ago to manage and monitor children's helpline 1098, according to a senior Ministry official.

"It has been decided that all the helplines will be run directly by the government, and not through an NGO," the official said. Asked if the government was planning to wind up the trust, the official replied in the affirmative.

The government would continue to support CIF until the integration of 1098 with the national emergency helpline 112 is accomplished to achieve interoperability between the two numbers.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development had given the task of merging the two helplines to the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information and expected it to complete the processs in another six months, i.e. March 2023, explained the official.

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(set by Bruno)

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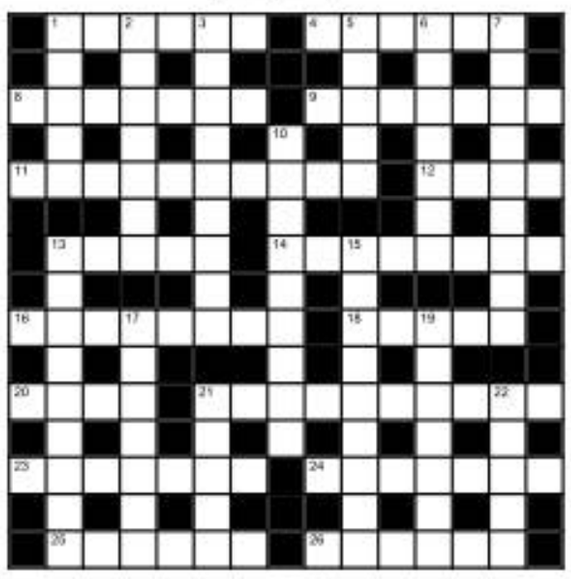

Across

1 Set of numbers essentially formatted with rating: 1-10? (6)
4 Soft at the edges, low in the middle, hard and flat (6)
8 Hazy nuclear explosion (7)
9 English Channel featuring article on English school (7)
11 Complex expression from Olympian's swimming around back half of pool (10)
12 Excited for a drink right away (4)
13 Plants from US state lack identification (5)
14 Family cashed in chips (8)
16 Truth is: mood around colleges' extremely cagey (8)
18 Fraction of supply ultimately stolen (5)
20 Current fashion immodestly revealed (4)
21 One way to summarize numbers from Shakespeare's first act — its twice played (10)
23 Fabric worn by graduate — one inspecting tracks (7)
24 Operator starts to don iron eyeshade (7)
25 Old weapons adjusted to make body armour? (6)
26 Picked up Dark Horse? (6)

Down

1 Fellow's attempt to get something sweet (5)
2 Majority of those have captured friend — go get them! (5-2)
3 Lover wandering at Marina with love (9)
5 Setter raised son for award (5)
6 You can get fruits here or a vegetable (7)
7 Asian stew with a tomato's skin that's hard to handle (3,6)
10 Worker's body part has many boils (9)
13 Resolving to put sealant at the bottom of feature (9)
15 Function at girl's college's popular around America (9)
17 Inept tennis player Monica visited America (7)
19 AT&T made money (1000 dollars) on needlework (7)
21 Resort in front of church has room (5)
22 Pick bottom of inkpot to support pen (2-3)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13667

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Auspicious signs

Rukmini wrote a letter to Krishna, asking Him to rescue her from the marriage that had been arranged for her. Krishna set off in His chariot. As the chariot neared Vidarbha, Krishna blew His conch, to assure Rukmini that He had reached. When Krishna shook His tulasi garland, the fragrance of the garland reached Rukmini's quarters in the palace. Rukmini experienced auspicious signs, said V.S. Karunakarachariar, in a discourse. Her left thigh quivered. It is said that in a woman, if the left thigh, or the left eye quiver, then she can expect good tidings. In a man, the opposite is true. If his left eye twitches, then he is in for trouble.

This belief is expressed by Valmiki beautifully. Rama is looking for Sita, and decides to enlist Sugreeva's help. A bond is struck between them, and when the monkey king and Rama begin to converse on friendly terms, twelve distant eyes react! Whose are these eyes? What is the reaction? Sugreeva's friendship with Rama is going to lead to Hanuman discovering where Sita is, and this will ultimately lead to the killing of Ravana and the rescue of Sita. This being what Sita desires, Her left eye twitches, indicating that something good is soon going to happen.

Sugreeva wants Vali killed, something Rama is going to do. So Vali's left eye twitches, which in a man is a bad sign. And the ten left eyes of Ravana twitch too for, his days are numbered. Valmiki, describing Sita's eyes, compares them to lotuses. Vali's left eye and Ravana's ten left eyes indicate to them that their end is near. It is no wonder that Vedanta Desika considered Valmiki a poet beyond compare, for so rich are his descriptions.

BERLIN

Russian invasion has cost Ukraine '$1 trillion' in damage

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused almost $1 trillion of damage, a Kyiv government official said on Thursday. The figure was equivalent to five times Ukraine's annual GDP before the invasion in February, Oleg Ustenko, economic adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky said at an event in Berlin. AFP

ATHENS

Greece marginalising gays, Roma and migrants, says report

Greece needs to work harder to combat intolerance of its LGBTI and Roma communities as well as migrants, the Council of Europe said in a report on Thursday. Despite a government plan to improve inclusion by 2025, the report found that Greece's LGBTI community continues to face intolerance and discrimination. AFP

BEIJING

China's former Justice Minister faces life in prison for bribery

China's former Justice Minister faces life in prison after a court handed him a suspended death sentence on Thursday for taking bribes and "bending the law". Fu Zhenghua's death sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment after a two-year reprieve, the Intermediate People's Court in the city of Changchun said. AP

TAIPEI

Taiwan to scrap COVID quarantine for travellers from next month

Taiwan will fully reopen its borders by ending mandatory COVID-19 quarantine for arrivals next month, the government said on Thursday. The island has largely kept its borders closed and implemented strict quarantine rules, keeping infection numbers low at the expense of being internationally cut off. AP

Focus on vaccination, return to normalcy: China's CDC scientists

While China has double-vaccinated most of its population, the booster campaign has only covered around two-thirds of them, and the country is still following a 'zero-COVID' strategy with mass testing and lockdowns

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Scientists and researchers at China's Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have made a rare call urging Beijing to focus on a booster vaccination campaign and consider an exit strategy out of President Xi Jinping's "zero-COVID" approach.

The briefing paper published last week by four scientists said, "The pathway forward is clear. Vaccinate with confidence and finish strong."

While China has double-vaccinated most of its population, the booster campaign has only covered around two-thirds of the population. Many health experts say vaccinations have lagged with healthcare personnel and resources currently devoted to enforcing the rigid zero-COVID approach, which calls for regular mass testing, lockdowns and quarantines.

There are as yet no signs of a change in approach from zero-COVID to a new vaccination campaign, particularly with an upcoming once-in-five-year Party Congress, where Mr. Xi will begin a third term, likely to trumpet the success of "zero-COVID".

Exit strategy: A display showing mock-ups of COVID-19 and Omicron variant vaccines from Chinese drugmaker Sinopharm at the China International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing. FILE PHOTO

Harsh lockdowns

As of early September, more than 65 million people in 33 cities were in some form of lockdown in China, media outlet Caixin reported, with signs of people's patience for the approach, three years into the pandemic, beginning to wane as more transmissible variants bring harsher lockdowns and challenge what was a successful strategy in 2020. Beijing has also lagged behind the rest of the world in opening up.

The CDC paper acknowledged those concerns. "Everyone wants to return to normal life," the four scientists, Dan Wu, Zundong Yin, Zijiang Feng, and Lance Rodewald, affiliated with the CDC's National Immunization Program and the Chinese Preventive Medicine Association, wrote. "Vaccination is the key, and time will run out for the vaccination campaign."

"Sustaining optimised protection for a safe, long-term exit of the pandemic will almost certainly require well-timed second booster doses," the paper said. "The last 10% in any vaccination campaign is the most difficult to reach, and in our case, the last 10% is also a critically important group to protect because the last 10% has an enrichment of people with comorbidities, many of whom are elderly and will suffer the most from COVID-19 if infected."

Vaccine effectiveness

It added that "real-world evidence" from outbreaks in Jilin, Shanghai and Hong Kong had shown Chinese vaccines had shown clear "effectiveness where it is needed the most – prevention of serious, critical, and fatal COVID-19 among people of all ages and regardless of co-morbidities."

It said zero-COVID had brought China "a rare commodity – tranquil time" and helped avoid mass deaths, but suggested it was time to consider an exit, which would require a second booster.

This will likely mean several months of a sustained campaign before China can open. But so far, there has been no suggestion of a focused booster campaign with the focus still very much on zero-COVID testing and lockdowns, indicating that a return to normalcy for China could be at least a year away, at a minimum.

Iran curbs Internet access as protests claim 11 lives

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Iran restricted Internet access on Thursday after days of protests and unrest that have claimed at least 11 lives, following the death of a young woman in the custody of the morality police.

Public anger has flared in the Islamic republic over the death last week of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who had been detained for allegedly wearing a hijab headscarf in an "improper" way.

Activists said the woman, whose Kurdish first name is Jhina, had suffered a fatal blow to the head, a claim denied by officials, who have announced an investigation.

During six straight nights of protests, women demonstrators have defiantly taken off their headscarves and burned them in bonfires or symbolically cut their hair before cheering crowds, video footage spread on social media has shown.

Raging anger: Demonstrators taking to the streets of Tehran during a protest after the death of Mahsa Amini. AFP

Iranian women interviewed by *AFP* on the streets of Tehran said they were now more careful about their dress to avoid run-ins with the morality police.

There has been growing international alarm at the Iranian crackdown on the protests, including from U.S. President Joe Biden in an address to the United Nations.

Iranian state media reported that by Wednesday street rallies had spread to 15 cities, with police using tear gas and making arrests to disperse crowds of up to 1,000 people.

S. Korean leader's U.S. criticism goes viral

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

Already battling record-low approval ratings, South Korea's President Yoon Suk-yeol has landed in trouble again after his disparaging remarks about key ally the United States were caught on a hot mic.

Mr. Yoon, a political novice who took office in May, is in New York for the United Nations General Assembly, and chatted on Wednesday with Joe Biden during a photo op at the Global Fund where the U.S. President had just pledged $6 billion.

"How could Biden not lose damn face if these f*****s do not pass it in Congress?" Mr. Yoon was caught saying to his aides afterwards in footage that went viral in South Korea.

Mr. Yoon's comments appear to refer to Mr. Biden's drive to increase U.S. funding to the Global Fund, which would require congressional approval.

The hot mic comments come just days after Mr. Yoon's office was forced to defend his decision to skip paying respects to Queen Elizabeth II's coffin lying in state, allegedly due to "heavy traffic".

'Catholics outnumber Protestants in N. Ireland'

Agence France-Presse
BELFAST

The number of Catholics living in UK-ruled Northern Ireland exceeds the total of Protestants and other Christian denominations for the first time, the results of a 2021 census released on Thursday showed.

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency said 42.31% of the population identified as Catholic, while 37.36% said they were Protestant or otherwise Christian.

At UN, Zelensky demands world leaders punish Russia

Associated Press
UNITED NATIONS

Ukraine's President laid out a detailed case against Russia's invasion at the United Nations (UN) and demanded punishment from world leaders in a speech delivered just hours after Moscow made an extraordinary announcement that it would mobilise some reservists for the war effort.

Buoyed by a counteroffensive that has retaken swaths of territory that the Russians seized, Volodymyr Zelensky vowed in a video address on Wednesday that his forces would not stop until they had reclaimed all of Ukraine.

"Ukraine demands punishment for trying to steal our territory. Punishment for the murders of thousands of people," Mr. Zelensky said in English in a pre-recorded video. He said any Russian talks of negotiation was only a delaying tactic, and that Moscow's actions speak louder than its words.

The Queen has been laid to rest, now U.K. has to confront its challenges

NEWS ANALYSIS

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

'Business as usual' in the U.K. came to standstill on September 8, after the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen's passing has, by and large, rallied people of different political ideologies together and brought to the fore a degree of unity and patriotism. A 10-day mourning period ended on Monday as the country's best known resident was laid to rest, but as the dust settles, the U.K. is going to have to be confronted, once again, with its many serious challenges.

The country's new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, has a full 'to-do' list, particularly on the economy front. There is a cost of living crisis in the U.K. driven by high energy costs, which are contributing to high inflation. The pound has fallen to 37-year record low against the dollar, partly due to events outside the U.K.'s control, but partly because of internal forces. The U.K. has low worker productivity and business investment levels relative to other advanced economies. A new report released on Tuesday indicated that despite a cut in corporation tax by 11 percentage points, to 19% in 2017, the U.K. had a private investment to GDP ratio of 9.8% in 2020 – the lowest in the G7 economies.

All eyes are on a 'mini-budget' that will be released on Friday, and include a reversal of taxes, including the corporation tax, previous cuts to which have not spurred business investment. Ms. Truss has suggested that she is moving towards a version of 'trickle-down economics' with tax cuts benefiting wealthier individuals, who paid more into the system, benefiting more from the cuts than those less well-off. She is convinced of her plan and said, this week, that she was prepared to be unpopular to ensure that Britain weathers this "very, very difficult storm".

Last goodbye: Liz Truss and her husband Hugh O'Leary attend the funeral of Queen Elizabeth-II in London on September 19. REUTERS

Energy costs

Minutes before she received news of the Queen's ill health in Parliament on September 8, the Prime Minister had announced a plan to tackle energy costs, estimated to cost £150 billion. Last month the Bank of England had said the U.K. could enter into a 15-month recession starting in the last quarter of this year. The impact of Ms Truss's energy plan on this and inflation – which came in at just under 10% in August.

Although Ms. Truss herself voted for the U.K. to remain in the EU, whether she can deliver on the trade deals – one of the post-Brexit freedoms which were touted by the campaign to leave the EU – will be watched. The U.K. has had some measure of success with this – it has crafted deals with Australia and Japan for instance, but the majority of agreements have been extensions of the terms of deals that the EU had with third countries.

In New York this week for the UN General Assembly (UNGA) debate, Ms. Truss was forced to admit that a U.S.-U.K. trade deal, possibly the prize among trade deals, was not coming anytime soon. The U.S. accounts for nearly 17% of U.K. trade, according to British government data.

Trade deal with India

A trade deal with India is also, apparently, in its final stages, with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal saying this week that the U.K. was still looking to close a deal by Deepavali (end-October). Wrapping up a trade deal with India is likely to be showcased by the Truss government as a post-Brexit freedom and also an instance of greater engagement with the Indo Pacific. If Ms. Truss is to deliver on the vision of a 'global Britain', she will need to expand and deepen engagement with the region, to implement the "Indo Pacific tilt" articulated in the U.K.'s 2021 review of foreign defence, security and development policies.

Closer to home for Ms. Truss, is the knotty issue of protecting the Northern Ireland Protocol – trying to avoid border checks for goods moving between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K but at the same time not having a border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (which is part of the E.U. and its singe market).

The U.K. and the EU are currently attempting to resolve the matter – which is of importance to the Americans as well. U.S. President Joe Biden and Ms. Truss emphasised the importance of resolving this issue in readouts of their Wednesday meeting in New York. Earlier this year, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi made it clear that Congress would not support a trade deal with the U.K. if the Northern Ireland peace deal was undermined.

Ms. Truss will also need to mend fences with European allies and tread more carefully than she did in her party leadership campaign – during which she had the "jury's out" when asked whether French President Emmanuel Macron (who paid rich tributes to the Queen recently) was a friend or foe.

Calls for referendum

Finally, the Prime Minister will also have to confront calls for a second Scottish referendum on independence from the U.K. once the country returns to business as usual. In 2016, Scottish voters had voted 68% to 32% to remain in the E.U.

The domestic and international issues of the U.K. are intertwined, with the ongoing war in Ukraine adding layers of complexity to the situation.

INBRIEF

Fortis sinks 15% as SC extends stay on IHH's open offer

Shares of Fortis Healthcare sank 15% on Thursday, after the Supreme Court ordered a forensic audit of its share sale to Malaysia's IHH Healthcare. The apex court also awarded six months jail term to former promoters of Fortis Healthcare, Malvinder Singh and Shivinder Singh. IHH had won a bid for a 31% stake in Fortis in 2018, which triggered an open offer for another 26% as per Indian regulations.

RBI restrains MMFSL from outsourcing recovery activity

The RBI on Thursday directed Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (MMFSL), Mumbai, to cease carrying out any recovery through outsourcing arrangements. "However, the NBFC may continue to carry out recovery or repossession activities through its own employees," RBI said. "This action is based on certain material supervisory concerns observed in the said NBFC, with regard to the management of its outsourcing activities," the regulator added.

Crown forays into workspace management business

Crown Worldwide Group said it had entered the workspace management business to help companies to consolidate their work spaces post COVID-19. "All corporates are now either right sizing or resizing or consolidating their base because the equation of businesses has changed post their digitisation," said Srinivas Krishnan, regional managing director, South Asia.

Rupee slides to new low of 80.79 on Fed rate increase, stance

Analysts expect RBI to step in and contain volatility in coming sessions, say 'rupee may be seen in a range of 80.40 to 81.20' against the dollar

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Indian rupee on Thursday weakened sharply against the dollar to a new record low in the wake of the U.S. Federal Reserve increasing interest rates by 75 basis points and signalling more such steep increases in the future.

The rupee depreciated by 83 paise to close at 80.79, suffering its biggest single-day fall since February 24, when Russia invaded Ukraine.

"Post super hawkish Fed and sell-off in equity markets, there was significant unwinding of shorts in dollar," said Anindya Banerjee, VP - Currency Derivatives & Interest Rate Derivatives, Kotak Securities. "Central bank seems to have not intervened aggressively," he added.

"However, in the coming sessions, we expect RBI to step in and contain volatility. Therefore, the range of 80.40 and 81.20 can be seen," Mr. Banerjee said.

'Dollar index concerns'

"We believe the dollar index can see a significant increase, implying most major market currencies, including rupee, should be under pressure," said Naveen Kulkarni, chief investment officer, Axis Securities Portfolio Management Services. "If we start seeing rupee depreciating, then from a U.S. dollar returns perspective for FPIs, India becomes unattractive.

"We could also witness a reversal of FPI flows in the near to medium term, which will increase market volatility. Higher interest rates in the U.S. will force major central banks, including India, to increase interest rates to stem the pressure on their domestic currencies... We believe, in the near term, Indian equity markets can witness increased volatility," he said.

Worrying trend: India may witness a reversal of FPI flows in the near to medium term, which would spur market volatility. AFP

While the Fed's 75 basis-point increase was on expected lines, financial markets were surprised by the hawkish 'dot plot'.

The dot plot indicated that rates would reach 4.4% by the end of this year – or a cumulative increase of 125 basis points over the remaining two meetings in November and December.

The Fed's stance led Asian currencies to plunge and equities declined. "We expect RBI to... focus on smoothening the move towards 81 over the next few sessions," said Gautam Kumar, head of financial products at Kristal.AI, a digital private wealth management platform.

(With Reuters inputs)

Telecom bill moots licensing of OTT apps, dues waiver

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bill proposes flexibility to allow deferred payment to help address defaults by a licencee

The government has released the draft of 'The Indian Telecommunication Act, 2022' wherein it has proposed several significant changes, including provisions for waiving off dues for financially stressed operators, bringing over-the-top (OTT) platforms (such as WhatsApp, Zoom, Netflix) within the ambit of telecom services that require a licence to operate, and provisions for message interception in case of public emergency.

The Bill, released late on Wednesday inviting comments from stakeholders, seeks to replace the existing framework comprising the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933, and the Telegraph Wires (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1950, that govern the sector.

'User protection is key'

"It's... an interactive system in which industry's concerns are addressed by the government and the government's concern are duly taken into consideration by the industry," Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday. "That is important because we have to look at the protection of users."

The explanatory note said the Bill aims to consolidate and amend laws governing provision, development, expansion and operation of telecom networks and infrastructure, and spectrum assignment.

The Bill proposes a framework to address defaults in payment by a licencee, whereby under "extraordinary circumstances", the government may allow for deferred payment, conversion of a part or all of it into shares in the licencee or even write-offs. The Bill also simplifies the framework for mergers, demergers and acquisitions, for which the entities would need to comply with norms under the Companies Act, 2013, and only need to inform the telecom department .

Noting that telecom users wish to know who was calling them, the Centre said it had included provisions related to identity to help prevent cyberfrauds using telecom services.

The draft Bill had provided clarity on two critical aspects: insolvency proceedings for stressed telecom companies and bringing OTT platforms and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) under the umbrella of the Ministry of Telecommunications, noted Prashant Tarwadi, director – Corporates, India Ratings and Research.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	59,120	-0.57
US Dollar	80.79	-1.03
Gold	50,399	1.06
Brent oil	93.31	0.59

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	946.65	13.75
Apollo Hosp	4608.30	4.10
Asian Paints	3438.00	79.95
Axis Bank	789.20	-17.35
Bajaj Auto	3728.50	-1.70
Bajaj Finserv	1772.35	-20.65
Bajaj Finance	7719.55	28.90
Bharti Airtel	784.10	3.90
BPCL	515.85	-4.20
Britannia Ind	3825.95	60.30
Cipla	1061.90	-8.90
Coal India	227.05	-4.90
Divis Lab	3568.10	6.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4182.40	29.65
Eicher Motors	3748.75	86.70
Grasim Ind	1732.70	12.85
HCL Tech	897.85	-3.30
HDFC	2416.85	-43.20
HDFC Bank	1488.80	-32.35
HDFC Life	545.80	-5.90
Hero MotoCorp	2776.55	0.30
Hindalco	412.10	0.75
Hind Unilever	2692.75	89.15
ICICI Bank	903.40	-11.85
Indusind Bank	1216.55	-7.70
Infosys	1367.95	-9.30
ITC	346.65	4.10
JSW Steel	679.35	-5.50
Kotak Bank	1802.75	-25.75
L&T	1888.20	-7.45
M&M	1310.40	3.75
Maruti Suzuki	9401.85	153.95
Nestle India	19638.30	-11.80
NTPC	168.85	0.85
ONGC	128.65	-2.25
PowerGrid Corp	228.10	-6.95
Reliance Ind	2488.10	-23.65
SBI Life	1286.50	-20.80
State Bank	567.30	-2.40
Shree Cement	21700.50	-320.45
Sun Pharma	908.60	2.70
TataConsumer Product	803.20	-1.80
Tata Motors	432.20	4.55
Tata Steel	103.60	-0.85
TCS	3007.40	6.20
Tech Mahindra	1048.40	-11.75
Titan	2737.80	70.35
UltraTech Cement	6239.40	-74.35
UPL	721.35	3.85
Wipro	397.95	-2.80

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 22.

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	80.66	80.98
Euro	79.71	80.03
British Pound	91.47	91.84
Japanese Yen (100)	56.52	56.75
Chinese Yuan	11.39	11.44
Swiss Franc	82.20	82.53
Singapore Dollar	56.91	57.14
Canadian Dollar	59.80	60.12
Malaysian Ringitt	17.65	17.74
Australian Dollar	53.53	53.74

Source:Indian Bank

'Banks may raise more capital via bonds to meet credit needs, lock rates'

Reuters
MUMBAI

Indian banks may continue their fundraising spree in the next few months by issuing Basel III-compliant and infrastructure bonds as they rush to meet rising credit demand and lock in funds at cheaper rates, analysts said.

"All banks are in need of funds as second half is expected to see a pick up in credit offtake, and currently investor appetite is favourable," said Venkatakrishnan Srinivasan, founder and managing partner at debt advisory firm Rockfort Fincap. "We can see more banks issuing Basel III-compliant as well as infrastructure bonds, with funds getting easily absorbed over the next quarter," he said.

According to market participants, bond issuances by banks could touch about ₹500 billion ($6.21 billion) this financial year, with a bulk of the issues likely in the next quarter. State-run banks have already raised ₹281 billion through a combination of Basel III-compliant additional Tier I perpetual bonds, Tier II bonds and infrastructure bonds in the last three months.

Banks' credit growth was at 15.4% on-year as of the 14 days ended Aug. 26, according to RBI data.

State Bank of India leads the pack, having raised ₹109 billion through perpetual and Tier II bonds, but is unlikely to borrow more, traders said. Union Bank of India is expected to offer perpetual as well as Tier II bonds over the next few days to raise about ₹20-30 billion, while ICICI Bank and Axis Bank are also set to raise an aggregate ₹60-80 billion, a banker with a brokerage said.

'India set to skip Russia's ESPO crude as freight costs jump'

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Indian companies are buying other grades such as those from West Africa that give better yields

Indian refiners are set to skip purchases of Russian ESPO crude oil this month due to higher freight rates, turning to Africa and the Middle East instead, industry sources said.

India, which rarely used to buy Russian oil, has emerged as Moscow's biggest oil customer after China since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February.

Refiners in India have been snapping up almost all grades of Russian crude, taking advantage of discounts after sanctions led some entities in the West to halt purchases. However, higher prices are set to cool Indian demand, channeling supplies to China.

"On net back basis after factoring in the freight, the landed cost of ESPO is turning out to be $5-$7 a barrel costlier in comparison to similar grades from other countries such as UAE's Murban," said an Indian industry source familiar with the matter, adding that Russian oil had previously been cheaper.

Instead of ESPO, Indian companies are buying other grades such as those from West Africa that give better yields, he said.

The price gap between Brent and Dubai benchmarks has also narrowed.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) for:

1. **Appointment of Third Party Audit Consultancy Services to seek registration of conformity to ISO 9001-2015 International Standard for Quality Management System (QMS) for 247 offices of Karnataka Public Works Department (KPWD) under KSHIP-III Project (ADB 2nd Loan)**
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   - **07-11-2022 for ISO 14001:2015 EMS Third Party Audit.**
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Air India ties up with Willis Lease for CFM engine maintenance

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India on Thursday announced a sale and lease-back tie-up with U.S.-based Willis Lease Finance Corporation for 34 CFM engines installed on 17 planes from its fleet of Airbus A320 family aircraft.

The alliance involves Willis Lease buying 34 engines and providing spare and replacement engines, helping the airline avoid costly and unpredictable shop visits, the former national air carrier said in a statement. Willis Lease will also have an in-country team to co-ordinate and manage the programme and all logistics and transportation involved.

The airline's COO Nipun Aggarwal said that the agreement would enable Air India to "eliminate the maintenance burden and fully derisk itself from the maintenance cost uncertainty associated" with those engines that were not covered under similar programmes offered by the original equipment manufacturer.

Govt. must rework norms for hospitality sector, says InterGlobe's J.B. Singh

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

India needs to rework its hospitality policy and especially rationalise norms around building hotels, said J.B.Singh, president & CEO, InterGlobe Hotels, the hospitality arm of InterGlobe Enterprises, which operates hotel chain ibis and the airline IndiGo.

Policy clarity, he said, was key to help the sector – comprising businesses such as tourism, travel, hotel accommodation, food and beverages, entertainment/sports and MICE tourism – tap its full potential.

"There is an urgent need to rework hospitality policy as existing policy around building hotels and use of land is extremely inefficient. The way the set back norms work, the height versus set back ratio and the way FSI works, all need to be... reworked," he said. Under existing norms, economy (or budget) hotels are mandated to build massive car parks that often go underutilised.

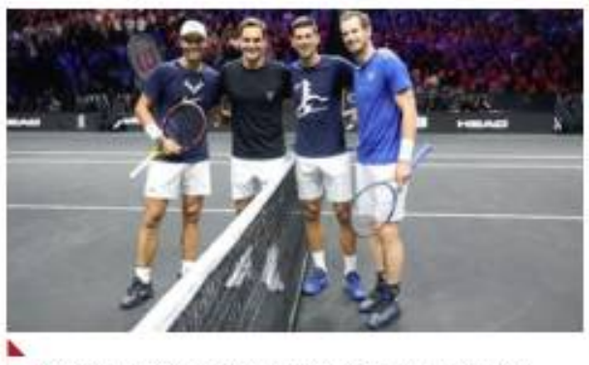
J.B. Singh

"There is an urgent need to rationalise these policies to make our investments more efficient. This is something that the government has to, in consultation with the industry, work on," he stressed.

Mr. Singh said corporate buildings, residences and hotel properties could not be compared. Hotels only sold rooms on rentals and were not realising the FSI through selling real estate, he pointed out.

TENNIS

Tennis royalty descends to bid farewell to the king



It was quite a collection of tennis luminaries sharing the black indoor hard court for a Laver Cup doubles practice session in London on Thursday, 66 Grand Slam titles among them, a group nicknamed the Big Four: Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal on one side of the net, and Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray on the other.

FORMULA ONE

Tsunoda to stay with AlphaTauri for 2023 season

Japanese driver Yuki Tsunoda will stay with AlphaTauri next season, the Italian Formula One team announced on Thursday. Tsunoda, 22, is in his second season with AlphaTauri after making his F1 debut last year. He came fourth at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Tsunoda is the first Japanese F1 driver since Kamui Kobayashi in 2014.

CRICKET

Babar, Rizwan make it a perfect day for Pakistan in second T20I

Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan took Pakistan to a 10-wicket win over England in the second T20I in Karachi on Thursday.
The scores: England 199/5 in 20 overs (Moeen Ali 55 n.o.) lost to Pakistan 203/0 in 19.3 overs (Babar Azam 110 n.o., Mohammad Rizwan 88 n.o.).

ATHLETICS

Gebrselassie to be the face of Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon

Two-time Olympic gold medallist Haile Gebrselassie was on Thursday named the international event ambassador of the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon scheduled to be held on October 16. The Ethiopian, one of the greatest distance runners in history, won the 10,000m gold in successive Olympics (1996 and 2000).

'Lord's game will be special as it's Jhulan's retirement'

Series sweep would be the perfect gift to the veteran pacer who bids adieu after a glittering two-decade-long career, says India captain Harmanpreet

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Press Trust of India
CANTERBURY

The series already in the pocket, India women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur wants to give a befitting farewell to veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami by winning the "special" final One-Day International against England at Lord's on Saturday.

Jhulan, 39, bids adieu to the game after a glorious two-decade-long career at the end of the ongoing tour, and Harmanpreet feels a series sweep would be the perfect gift.

Enjoy it

"The Lord's game is very special for us because it's Jhulan's retirement and we want to enjoy that game without any pressure. I'm really happy that we were able to win today," the India skipper said after trouncing hosts England by 88 runs to win a series on English soil after 23 years.

The last time the Indian women won an ODI series in England was in 1999 when they triumphed 2-1. Also, the third ODI will be the first time the sides meet at Lord's since the 2017 World Cup final, which England won by nine runs.

"It's very important (to win) because that will be her last game. It will be a very emotional moment for all of us and we definitely want to win that game," Harmanpreet said.

True inspiration

Jhulan has been a true inspiration for all players, including herself, she said. "She's someone who has taught us a lot," said Harmanpreet, who made her ODI debut at the 2009 World Cup under Jhulan's leadership.

"When you win the first game, the second game is always important and we always try to finish that game as a winning side and today (Wednesday) also we were looking at that only because we don't want to carry any extra pressure on ourselves going to Lord's," she said.

Harmanpreet, who took over as full-time captain after veteran Mithali Raj retired earlier this year, said: "Everybody stepped up. I enjoy leadership as I'm always in the game," she said.

England stand-in skipper Amy Jones said the ongoing series against India was a good learning experience for the young bowlers. "Every loss is tough and they got away from us at the end with the bat. Harman batted extremely well. She is very tough to bowl to, and for our young talents, this is good learning," she said.

Towering presence: Jhulan is someone who has taught us a lot, says Harmanpreet. GETTY IMAGES

India women in England in ODIs (bilateral series)

	M	India	England	NR	Winner
1986	3	0	3	0	England
1999	3	2	1	0	India
2002	1	0	1	0	England
2006	5	0	4	1	England
2008	5	0	4	1	England
2012	5	2	3	0	England
2014	2	0	2	0	England
2021	3	1	2	0	England
2022*	2	2	0	0	India

*ongoing series

India ended a 23-year wait for a series victory in England

India needs death-over specialists to step up

Ashwin Achal
NAGPUR

India's bowling in the death-overs will come under the scanner in the second T20I against Australia here on Friday.

Rain, however, could play spoilsport. Showers on Thursday forced the Indian team to cancel its evening training session.

In the first match at Mohali, pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Harshal Patel came apart in the closing stages. Matthew Wade feasted on a selection of dollies to comfortably take Australia past a stiff 209-run target.

Basic errors

From 55 runs needed off the last four overs, a ferocious Australian onslaught put an end to the contest with four balls to spare. The basic errors committed by Bhuvneshwar and Harshal causes most concern.

The speedsters served juicy leg-side short balls to Wade, who counts the pull shot as his strength. Harshal's big weapon, the slower balls, were picked effortlessly. Bhuvneshwar, of late more effective with the new ball, could not land the yorkers and slow bouncers.

India will be tempted to draft Jasprit Bumrah, a death-over specialist, into the playing eleven. Bumrah is making a comeback from an injury, and was not included for the Mohali fixture. Left-arm speedster Arshdeep Singh, who proved at the Asia Cup that he can target the blockhole at will, is not in the squad. Umesh Yadav replaced a COVID19-afflicted Mohammed Shami, but he was expensive as well.

Dampener: A wet outfield forced the training sessions to be called off on Thursday. K.R. DEEPAK

The team management can slot Deepak Chahar in place of Umesh on Friday. Spinner R. Ashwin, left out in the first T20I, is another candidate who can shore up the bowling unit.

Undoing the good work

The bowling frailties undid the good work done by the batters. K.L. Rahul, criticised for a low strike rate, showed aggressive intent in his 35-ball 55. Suryakumar Yadav once again underlined his status as an exciting T20 talent with a rapid 46. Hardik Pandya the finisher came to the fore, smashing his way to an unbeaten 71 off 30 balls.

Hardik gave the Indian innings the perfect ending, with sixes off the last three deliveries.

Australia, meanwhile, looks every inch a settled unit. The reigning T20 World Cup champion has found a promising opener in Cameron Green. Playing just his second T20I, Green batted fearlessly to make a 30-ball 61 on Tuesday.

Steve Smith has efficiently taken on the anchor role from the injured Mitchell Marsh, while Wade delivers the final blow.

If the skies stay clear, India has a shot at redemption.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-Capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahar, Jasprit Bumrah and Umesh Yadav.

Australia: Aaron Finch (Capt.), Sean Abbott, Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Kane Richardson, Daniel Sams, Steve Smith, Matthew Wade and Adam Zampa.

Match starts at 7 p.m.

Sourav Ganguly. PTI

IPL to return to home and away format in 2023

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Indian Premier League (IPL) will return to its original, pre-COVID-19, home-and-away format from the 2023 season, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has conveyed to the Board's affiliated state units.

The IPL has been held at only a few venues since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020 as the lucrative league unfolded behind close doors across three venues in UAE – Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi.

In 2021 too, the tournament was held across four venues – Delhi, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Chennai.

However, with the pandemic under control, the cash-rich league will return to its old format in which each team plays one home and one away match.

"The next season of men's IPL will also go back to the home and away format with all ten teams playing their home matches at their designated venues," read a Ganguly's note to state units.

Celebrated rivalry to close with a partnership

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Roger Federer will team up with long-time rival Rafael Nadal for the final match of his glittering career, Laver Cup organisers announced on Thursday.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion will play doubles with the Spaniard, who has won 22 Majors, at the O2 arena in London on Friday. Federer and Nadal, representing Team Europe, will face US players Frances Tiafoe and Jack Sock of Team World in the evening session.

Knee trouble

Federer, whose most recent competitive match was a loss to Hubert Hurkacz in last year's Wimbledon quarterfinals, has been struggling with a knee problem and will not play singles in London.

"I'm not sure if I can handle it all, but I'll try," said Federer, 41. "This one feels a whole lot different. I'm happy to have him on my team and not playing against him. Playing with Rafa feels really different.

"To be able to do it one more time, I'm sure it will be wonderful and I'll try my very best. I'll enjoy it but it will be very hard."

Nadal said he was looking forward to an "unforgettable" match alongside his Swiss rival.

"One of the most important, if not the most important players in my tennis career is leaving," the Spaniard said. "At the end, this moment will be difficult. I'm super-excited and grateful to play with him."

Ideal send-off! Federer's glittering career will come to an end with long-time competitor and close friend Nadal alongside him. TWITTER

BCCI AGM, elections on October 18

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has convened its 91st annual general meeting (AGM) on October 18 at its headquarters here. The meeting gains significance since it will see the election of the new set of office-bearers.

The tenure of the incumbent set – with former India captain Sourav Ganguly as president and Jay Shah as secretary – was set to expire on October 23. But, once the Supreme Court on September 14 incorporated certain amendments in BCCI's constitution that paved the way for the top brass to extend their term by another three years, the BCCI hierarchy did not waste time in convening the AGM.

29-point agenda

The 29-point agenda, along with the notice of the meeting and the draft minutes of the last meeting, was circulated among affiliates on September 22. While the agenda, accessed by *The Hindu*, specifies election of office-bearers along with a councillor as representative of the BCCI members, a critical point will be to fill up the vacant post of a national selector.

For more than seven months – former India pacer Abey Kuruvilla having resigned after the maximum permissible tenure – the national selection committee has been a four-member panel.

As a result, the West Zone, traditionally the most powerful in Indian cricket, has not been represented in the committee. It will be interesting to see if the BCCI invites applications for the post ahead of the AGM.

The four members of the committee, headed by Chetan Sharma, are set to get an extension. There may be a minor tweak to the junior men's selection committee.

The AGM will also appoint the BCCI's representative to the ICC.

Bumrah fit to take the field in must-win game against Australia: Suryakumar

Ashwin Achal
NAGPUR

Suryakumar Yadav stated that fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah is fit and ready to take the field in the second T20I against Australia here on Friday.

Asked about the fitness status of Bumrah and Deepak Chahar, both of whom did not play the first T20I, Suryakumar said, "This is the wrong department. This question should go to the team management or physio (laughs). But yes, the atmosphere in the team is very good. Everyone is first-class fit and ready."

When quizzed pointedly about Bumrah, Suryakumar said, "He is absolutely ready. There is nothing to worry about."

Not aware

The batter stated that he was not aware of the ugly scenes witnessed at Hyderabad, where police resorted to lathi charge on the crowd that gathered to buy tickets for the third T20I. "I do not know what happened. I don't know what to say. I will watch the video and then comment on it," Suryakumar said at a virtual press conference.

The Mumbai cricketer did not make much of India's death-over failings in the first T20I. "We haven't discussed anything after the last game. The match did go on until the last (over), and there was a lot of dew. You must give credit to the Australian batters. They kept attacking," Suryakumar said.

The hunter is back: Can Bumrah spark the Indian bowling line-up to life in the second T20I? AFP

> Fortunately my family travelled to Mohali (for T20I debut). That was really nice
> TIM DAVID

Shardul, Kuldeep Sen set up runaway win for India-A

New Zealand-A's top-order collapses like a pack of cards; cameos from Gaikwad, Tripathi, Patidar and Samson fetch victory with plenty to spare

NZ-A IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Shardul Thakur (4/32) and Kuldeep Sen (3/30) blew away the New Zealand-A top-order to set up an easy seven-wicket win for India-A in the first match of the three-match one-day series at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium here on Thursday.

Shardul and Kuldeep Sen justified the decision to field as their early spell left the visitors tottering at 74 for eight at one stage before being bowled out for 167.

Chasing a modest target, Ruturaj Gaikwad (41) and Rahul Tripathi (31) laid the platform with a 56-run stand for the second wicket before Rajat Patidar (45 n.o., 41b, 7x4) and Sanju Samson (29 n.o., 32b, 1x4, 3x6) finished off the chase with quick cameos as the hosts reached the target with 18.1 overs to spare.

Patidar impresses

Patidar in particular was impressive during his brisk knock playing stylish cuts on either side of the point fielder to get going before pulling the pacers authoritatively.

Earlier, the New Zealand batters' exuberance in the PowerPlay brought about their downfall as the top-order crumbled while facing a disciplined Indian pace attack.

Shardul kick-started things in the third over of the day when he went past Chad Bowes' defence with a ball that swung in late and uprooted the leg stump. In his very next over he had Dane Cleaver pulling one straight to fine-leg.

Kuldeep Sen, who gave away four boundaries in his first two overs, corrected his length to be a bit fuller and reaped the rewards immediately.

In the sixth over, he trapped Joe Carter leg-before and two balls later had Rachin Ravindra caught behind.

He then squared up Tom Bruce with the batter edging to first slip as the visitors slumped to 27 for five in the eighth over.

Fightback

Michael Rippon (61) and Joe Walker (36) steadied things with an 89-run stand for the ninth wicket and helped the visitors to a respectable total, accumulating runs without taking too many risks. However, the damage done by the Indian pacers in the first hour was irreparable.

The scores: New Zealand-A 167 in 40.2 overs (Michael Rippon 61, Joe Walker 36, Shardul Thakur 4/32, Kuldeep Sen 3/30) lost to India-A 170/3 in 31.5 overs (Rajat Patidar 45 n.o., Ruturaj Gaikwad 41, Rahul Tripathi 31).

Incisive: Shardul caused irreparable damage to the Kiwi innings with his harvest of four wickets. M. VEDHAN

I am looking for a national call again: Shardul

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

After rattling the New Zealand-A top order with his four-wicket haul, Shardul Thakur said he was surprised by how successful the India-A pacers were in the PowerPlay on Thursday.

Speaking after the match, Shardul said, "I think it was a good batting pitch and we, fortunately, got wickets early and that helped us a lot.

I was surprised that they lost five wickets in the PowerPlay and didn't expect them to lose so many wickets."

"I am bowling well and taking wickets. Even in the last two white-ball series I played, I have taken wickets, so I am looking for a national call again whenever they want my services," said the 30-year-old.

Kuldeep Sen, who made his debut for India-A and took three wickets, credited the stint with the national team during the Asia Cup in UAE as a net bowler for the good start.

Arjun faces Yoo, Pragg plays Keymer

CHESS

Sports Bureau

Arjun Erigaisi and R. Praggnanandhaa maintained their overnight second and fourth places even as leader Magnus Carlsen topped the league with a massive nine-point margin in the $150,000 Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid chess tournament on Wednesday.

Starting the day a point ahead of Arjun, Carlsen won all three rounds on the final day of the league after facing American youngster Christopher Yoo, Poland's Radoslaw Wojtaszek and Germany's rising star Vincent Keymer for a tally of 34 points.

Holding on

In contrast, Arjun (25) held on to his second spot by virtue of a draw against Wojtaszek in the 13th round but lost to Keymer and Anish Giri.

In spite of winning the final game, Giri missed out on a quarterfinal-spot after finishing ninth following a three-way tie for seventh place with Yoo and Levon Aronian.

Praggnanandha (23) fared a shade better than Arjun.

After losing to Aronian, the teenager drew with Anish and beat Ivan Saric for his first victory in the last nine rounds.

Meanwhile, in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix in Astana, Kazakhstan, R. Vaishali (2) drew with Germany's Dinara Wagner in the fifth round.

The quarterfinal line-up: Magnus Carlsen (Nor) v Levon Aronian (USA); R. Praggnanandhaa v Vincent Keymer (Germany); Hans Moke Niemann (USA) v Le Quang Liem (Vietnam); Arjun Erigaisi v Christopher Yoo (USA).
Final league standings: 1. Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 34/45), 2. Arjun Erigaisi (25). 3. Hans Moke Niemann (USA, 24). 4-5. R. Praggnanandhaa, Vincent Keymer (Ger) (23 each), 6. Le Quang Liem (Vie, 22). 7-9. Christopher Yoo (USA), Levon Aronian (USA), Anish Giri (Ned) (21 each).
10. Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Pol, 20), 11. David Navara (Cze, 19) 12. Radoslaw Wojtaszek (Pol, 17), 13. Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukr, 16), 14. Ivan Saric (Cro, 14), 15-16. Boris Gelfand (Isr) and B. Adhiban (10 each).

Indrajith helps South Zone take the first-innings lead; Sai picks up five

DULEEP TROPHY

S. Dinakar
COIMBATORE

Those hands and legs moved in cohesion, the head stayed still and the ball was coaxed through the gap. The moment is enveloped in an old world charm.

B. Indrajith scored briskly, yet it was an innings of serenity, assurance and solidity. His exceptional 118 (125b, 14x4) on a green-top was South's back-bone.

At stumps, South was 318 for seven – a fighting Ravi Teja was batting on 26 – after dismissing West for 270 on the second day of the Duleep Trophy final at the Vivekananda ground here on Thursday.

In the morning, left-arm spinner Sai Kishore, making an impact on a greenish wicket with his height, high-arm action and bounce, and using the seam to get the ball to skid through, scalped five.

It was with a delivery of bounce that he dismissed the unlucky Het Patel (98, 189b, 6x4, 1x6) who top-edged a pull.

The day belonged to Indrajith. Light of feet, he is a wonderful player of spin.

Assurance and solidity: Indrajith scored an exceptional century on a green-top. M. PERIASAMY

Here, on a seaming track, Indrajith faced a different challenge.

Indrajith played close to his body, was judicious around the off stump, 'leaving' deliveries he didn't have to play. His back-lift was straighter and shorter.

Balanced and poised, he he whipped, pulled and cut.

Indrajith completed an immensely satisfying 13th First Class century. However, he fell soon after tea when Ajinkya Rahane had a short-cover in place and got left-arm seamer Jaydev Unadkat to bowl at a drivable length from around the wicket. Indrajith was held at short cover.

Indrajith and a feisty Manish Pandey (48, 69b, 4x4, 2x6) – he stroked well through covers but was done in by a Tanush Kotian off-break – added 105 valuable runs off 124 deliveries for the fourth wicket.

Ricky Bhui left early, flashing at Unadkat. However, there was further resistance from South with Ravi Teja and K. Gowtham (43, 55b, 3x4, 3x6) putting on 62 for the seventh wicket off 98 balls.

Earlier in the innings, Rohan Kunnummal played a few firm strokes before nicking Unadkat, Mayank Agarwal edged a delivery of away movement from the pacey Atit Sheth and skipper Hanuma Vihari cut and pulled during his knock of 25 before being trapped leg-before by the impressive Sheth.

The scores: West Zone — 1st innings: Yashasvi Jaiswal c Bhui b Stephen 1, Priyank Panchal lbw b Stephen 7, Ajinkya Rahane c Ravi Teja b Thampi 8, Shreyas Iyer c Indrajith b Sai Kishore 37, Sarfaraz Khan c Indrajith b Sai Kishore 34, Het Patel c Mayank b Sai Kishore 98, Shams Mulani lbw b Sai Kishore 0, Atit Sheth c Mayank b Thampi 25, Tanush Kotian c Manish b Gowtham 2, Jaydev Unadkat (not out) 47, Chintan Gaja c Stephen b Sai Kishore 10; Extras (lb-1): 1; Total (in 96.3 overs): 270.
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-10, 3-16, 4-64, 5-99, 6-101, 7-164, 8-167, 9-254.
South Zone bowling: Thampi 15-2-42-2, Stephen 12-2-52-2, Sai Kishore 35.3-8-86-5, Ravi Teja 7-3-15-0, Gowtham 27-1-74-1.
South Zone — 1st innings: Rohan Kunnummal c Het b Unadkat 31, Mayank Agarwal c Jaiswal b Sheth 9, Hanuma Vihari lbw b Sheth 25, B. Indrajith c Mulani b Unadkat 118, Manish Pandey b Kotian 48, Ricky Bhui c Jaiswal b Unadkat 4, Ravi Teja (batting) 26, K. Gowtham c Unadkat b Sheth 43, R. Sai Kishore (batting) 6; Extras (b-8): 8; Total (for seven wkts. in 81 overs): 318.
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-40, 3-101, 4-206, 5-236, 6-243, 7-305.
West bowling: Unadkat 18-4-52-3, Gaja 8-4-24-0, Sheth 14-4-51-3, Kotian 27-2-110-1, Mulani 14-0-73-0.

Sanil and Soumyajit post gritty wins to advance

TABLE TENNIS

K. Keerthivasan
SURAT

Sixteen-year-old Suhana Saini of Haryana, one of the most promising young paddlers, produced the lone upset in the women's singles second round table tennis match of the 36th National Games here on Thursday.

In the men's singles, all the top eight seeds sailed into the third round. Suhana overcame Prapti Sen of West Bengal, seeded six, 13-15, 11-7, 13-11, 11-6, 8-11, 14-12 to advance.

Bouncing back: Third seed Sanil rallied to defeat Divyansh. A.M. FARUQUI

Strong performance

G. Sathiyan and Sharath Kamal of Tamil Nadu, the top two seeds, produced a strong performance to defeat Wesley Do Roserio of Haryana and Ravindra Kotiyan of Maharashtra respectively.

Maharashtra's Sanil Shetty, the third seed, was pushed to the brink before he overcame Divyansh Srivastav (UP) 11-6, 7-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9, 7-11, 11-9.

Produce his best

Haryana's Soumyajit Ghosh, seeded seventh, had to produce his best to beat Raegan Albuquerque of Maharashtra 11-5, 4-11, 11-2, 10-12, 11-13, 11-7, 11-9.

The results (round-of-32):
Men: G. Sathiyan (TN) bt Wesley Do Rosario (Har) 13-11, 11-6, 11-4, 11-5; Manav Thakkar (Guj) bt Sarth Mishra (UP) 11-5, 11-6, 11-6, 12-14, 11-6; Anirban Ghosh (WB) bt Ishaan Mahesh Hingorani (Guj) 11-8, 5-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-3; Harmeet Desai (Guj) bt Mohammad Ali (S) 11-4, 11-5, 11-6, 11-8.
Sanil Shetty (Mah) bt V. Diyvansh Srivastav (UP) 11-6, 7-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9, 7-11, 11-9; Manush Shath (Guj) bt K. J. Akash (Kar) 11-5, 11-8, 11-2, 11-4; Soumyajit Ghosh (Har) bt Raegan Albuquerque (Mah) 11-5, 4-11, 11-2, 10-12, 11-13, 11-7, 11-9; Sharath Kamal (TN) bt Ravindra Kotiyan (Mah) 11-9, 11-6, 11-6, 17-15.
Women: Manika Batra (Del) bt D. Pranitha (TS) 11-5, 11-8, 11-6, 11-8, Takeme Sarkar (WB) bt Nikhat Banu (TS) 9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-9, 14-12; Anusha Kutumbale (MP) Riti Shankar (Har) 11-5, 11-6, 11-7, 11-9; Suhana Saini (Har) bt Prapti Sen (WB) 13-15, 11-7, 13-11, 11-6, 8-11, 14-12.
Sreeja Akula (TS) bt Annanya Basak (Mah) 13-11, 11-3, 11-8, 11-8; Reeth Rishya (Mah) bt C. R. Harshavardini (TN) 13-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-2; Diya Chitale (Mah) bt Trisha Paul (Har) 11-3, 11-6, 11-4, 12-10; Swastika Ghosh (Mah) bt V. Kowshika (TN) 11-8, 11-7, 11-5, 11-6.

LIVE TELECAST

India vs Australia: 2nd T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.
Pakistan vs England: 3rd T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.
Nations League: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

Legendary horse trainer Uttam Singh passes away

Uttam Singh.

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PUNE

Legendary racehorse-trainer Uttam Singh passed away in Pune on Thursday, days after celebrating his 103rd birthday.

'Uttamji' joined as an apprentice jockey at the Royal Western India Turf Clubin 1939. After some years he obtained a trainer's licence, the first jockey to choose the profession. In a 50-year training career, he won 19 Classics before retiring in 2002.

O Kanhaiya well-prepped to score in the Civil Services Trophy

RACING

MYSURU: O Kanhaiya, who has been well-prepared, is expected to score in the Civil Services Trophy (1,400m), the main event of the races to be held here on Friday (Sept 23). False rails (an average width of 7m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 J. TYRRELL MEMORIAL PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Festive Star (6) S. Saqlain 62, 2. Omerta (4) Afsar Khan 62, 3. Shivalik Attitude (11) Santosh K 60, 4. Country's Miracle (8) J. Paswan 59.5, 5. Shivalik Dhanush (1) Darshan 59.5, 6. Diva In Gold (7) Ayaz Khan 58.5, 7. Miss China (5) Angad 58.5, 8. News Maker (3) Srinath 58.5, 9. Peter Rabbit (10) Gautam Raj 58, 10. Rain Cloud (2) Mukesh K 57 and 11. Spiritualqueen (9) Kiran Rai 54.5.
1. NEWS MAKER, 2. MISS CHINA, 3. SPRITUALQUEEN

2 UDHAGAMANDALAM TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Silver Days Again (2) Kiran Rai 61, 2. Morganite (5) Afsar Khan 56.5, 3. Coorg General (8) J. Paswan 55, 4. Ice Storm (9) M. Prabhakaran 55, 5. Southern Force (6) Rayan 55, 6. The Republic Power (3) H. Rathod 55, 7. Angel Dreams (4) Angad 54, 8. D. Fighter (7) Shreyas S 54 and 9. Bellissimo (1) Nazerul 53.5.
1. SILVER DAYS AGAIN, 2. ANGEL DREAMS, 3. BELLISSIMO

3 UDHAGAMANDALAM TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 3-30: 1. Benediction (8) C. Umesh 62.5, 2. Fassbinder (7) Nazerul 61, 3. Pinnacle Point (5) Antony 61, 4. Royal Crown (4) R. Shiva K 61, 5. Anakin (2) S. Saqlain 60, 6. D Durga (6) Angad 56.5, 7. Clever Hans (3) Hindu S 56 and 8. Eco System (1) H. Rathod 55.
1. PINNACLE POINT, 2. BENEDICTION, 3. CLEVER HANS

4 CIVIL SERVICES TROPHY (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Against All Odds (3) H. Zeeshan 56, 2. Eye The Mind (1) Janardhan P 56, 3. O Kanhaiya (8) Srinath 56, 4. Pollux (4) Hasib A 56, 5. Raaz (2) S. Qureshi 56, 6. White Lies (7) Nazerul 56, 7. Meadow Flower (5) Sai Kiran 54.5, 8. Milos (9) Antony 54.5 and 9. Unity (6) H. Rathod 54.5.
1. O KANHAIYA, 2. MILOS, 3. EYE THE MIND

5 NAGALAND PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Dornish (1) Hasib A 60, 2. Fernet Branca (11) J.H. Arul 58.5, 3. Athulya (4) M. Prabhakaran 57, 4. D Thirteen Twelve (6) Ajay K 56.5, 5. Memoriter (9) S. Saqlain 56, 6. Socrates (7) R. Shiva K 56, 7. Lovely Thoughts (3) L.A. Rozario 54.5, 8. Wind Whistler (8) Sai Kiran 53.5, 9. Aceros (10) Jagadeesh 52.5, 10. Lagopus (2) P. Surya 51.5 and 11. Osiris (5) P. Siddaraju 50.5.
1. MEMORITER, 2. ATHULYA, 3. ACEROS

6 UDHAGAMANDALAM TROPHY (DIV. III), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Power Port (4) Sai Kiran 60, 2. Altair (1) G. Vivek 59.5, 3. Royal Command (6) Kiran Rai 59.5, 4. Ruby Woo (9) L.A. Rozario 59.5, 5. Able One (7) B. Paswan 58.5, 6. Emeraldo (3) Jagadeesh 58.5, 7. Think N Fly (8) Hasib A 58, 8. Country's Spark 2) J. Paswan 56.5 and 9. The King N I (5) R. Pradeep 56.5.
1. ALTAIR, 2. ABLE ONE, 3. THINK N FLY
Day's best: O KANHAIYA
Double: NEWS MAKER – MEMORITER
Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Rahul hits century as Bangalore takes first-innings lead

BENGALURU: Rahul Prasanna top-scored with 108 as Bangalore secured the first-innings lead over Raichur in a drawn KSCA inter-zonal under-19 tournament encounter.

The scores: President's XI 210 in 63.2 overs (Vishal Onat 29, Ujwal S.Gowda 30, Dheeraj J.Gowda 39, Karan 27, Hrishith Shetty 3/45) & 176/4 in 37 overs (Krishiv Bajaj 59 n.o., Ujwal S.Gowda 28, Dheeraj J.Gowda 51 n.o.) drew with Mangalore Zone 241 in 76.1 overs (Hardik R.Suvarna 26, Hrishith Shetty 64, Ryan B. Gonsalves 30, Nischith Pai 55, Arshil Rajendra 3/57).
Raichur 312/8 in 90 overs (B. Vijaya Raj 37, Thippa Reddy 40, Eshwar Nayak 49, S.P. Shreyas 58, Siddhanth Navale 37, Yashovardhan Parantap 3/43) & 117/2 in 16 overs (B. Vijaya Raj 79 n.o., Eshwar Nayak 28 n.o.) drew with Bangalore 316 in 71.5 overs (Shashank Krishnamurthy 25, Gyan Somaiah 59, Rahul Prasanna 108, Mohsin Khan 77, S.P. Shreyas 4/90, Shridhar Jagatap 3/48).
Bangalore City XI 128 in 52.5 overs (S. Chaitanya 27, Varun P. Annadani 54, Deepak Neeralagi 3/23, Rohan M.Yareshmi 4/30, Rajendra S.Danganavar 3/34) & 100/6 in 34 overs (U. Karan 31) drew with Dharwad 397/7 in 90 overs (Rohan M. Yareshmi 109, Rahul D.Naik 94, Shatak Gunjal 77 n.o., Kedar Usulkar 50, Rajendra S. Danganavar 34).
Vice President's XI 156 in 59.5 overs (Rajvir Wadhwa 83, S. Ishaan 3/22) & 95/2 in 15 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 30, Raghuveer 32) drew with Mysore 197 in 74.5 overs (L. Manvanth Kumar 32, K.L. Varun Kumar 47, B.C. Rohan 68, S. Ishaan 26, Dhanush Gowda 4/33).
Shivamogga 255 in 86.4 overs (Shravan S.Babu 26, C.R. Kumarswamy 79, Shreyank Sagar 53, S. Sourav 25, K. Ambresh 4/19, G.S. Raiyan Malik 3/67) & 122/1 in 21 overs (C.R. Kumarswamy 50 n.o., Shreyank Sagar 52 n.o.) drew with Tumkur 264/8 decl. in 75 overs (S. Toufeeq 106, Ahmed Raza S. Khatwal 27, R. Sanjay 40 n.o., N. Navaz Ahamad 3/49).
Secretary's XI 239 in 59.1 overs (M.B. Shivam 40, Aashish Mahesh 96, Vedanth Iyer 45, Hardik Raj 3/50, G. Dhanush 4/39) & 163/6 in 30 overs (Aashish Mahesh 64, Arjun Nair 33 n.o.) drew with Combined City XI 345/6 in 90 overs (S.H. Swaroop 103, Ashwin Santosh 28, Vikram Kumar 110, Arinjai 87.

Bheem Rao's eight-wkt. haul highlights Raichur's big win

Bheem Rao's match-haul of eight wickets (6/42 & 2/17) helped Raichur Zone beat Mangalore Zone by an innings and 108 runs in the KSCA S.A. Srinivasan Memorial under-25 tournament.

The scores: Dharwad 296 in 84.4 overs (Pareexith Okkunda 87, Chirag R. Nayak 110, Angadraj Sangam Hittalamani 41, Taha Khan 4/33, S.M. Shamanth 3/53) & 36/3 in 13 overs drew with President's XI 222 in 65 overs (Tushar Singh 40, B.A. Mohith 63, Rahul Kulkarni 65, Akash G.Pattar 6/33).
Raichur 322 in 71 overs (Amay Tejas 32, Niranjan 80, Sourab Muttur 25, Madhav P. Bajaj 46, K. Shashikumar 25, B.P. Manish 3/41, Nathan D'Mello 3/60) bt Mangalore 133 in 41.5 overs (Mohammed Arman 30, Bheem Rao 6/42) & 81 in 25.1 overs.
Bangalore City XI 176 in 52.4 overs (Prajwal Pavan 76, Samarth Srinivas 38, Prithvi Sadanand 26, Danishulla Shariff 4/24) & 55 for no loss in 17 overs (Abheet Kuthpady 27 n.o.) drew with Bangalore Zone 335 in 88.2 overs (S. Nithin 123, Aman Khan 57, Tanay Valmik 55, Abhishek Ahlawat 32, Santokh Singh 3/39, B.M. Shreyas 3/88).
Shimoga 133 in 49.2 overs (Abu 28, D. Gagan 41, H.D. Rushiketh 23 n.o., Likhit Bannur 4/36, Pradyumna Srivatsa 3/25) & 153 in 60 overs (Abu 50, H.D. Rushiketh 25 n.o., Likhit Bannur 4/36) lost to Combined City XI 397 in 70.2 overs (K. Rakshith 102, Amod S.Kaluve 46, R. Smaran 52, S.S. Sujay 53, M. Mohammed Waseef 34, Vishnu Jain 29 n.o., Mithesh 3/61).
Mysore Zone 343 in 66.3 overs (L. Hemanth Kumar 31, Gowtham Sagar 28, Kruthik Krishna 146, K.S. Lankesh 78, M. Utham Aiyappa 42, Smayan Srivastav 4/43) drew with Vice Presidents XI 403 in 86.5 overs (Yashwant 169, Lochan S. Gowda 26, Rayan Ahmed 40, Aneeshwar Gautam 68, L.R. Kumar 6/90).
Tumkur Zone 104 in four overs (Nirmith Shashidhar 42, Tanish Mahesh 5/42) & 81/4 in 38 overs (V.N. Sanjay 35 n.o.) drew with Secretary's XI 556/5 decl. in 86.4 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 38, Ayush Shetty 47, Lochan Apparna 106, Vinay N. Sagar 183, N. Rohan 43, Abul Hasan Khalid 50 n.o., S.S.G. Rohiet 50 n.o., N. Sanjay Bharadwaj 3/116).

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